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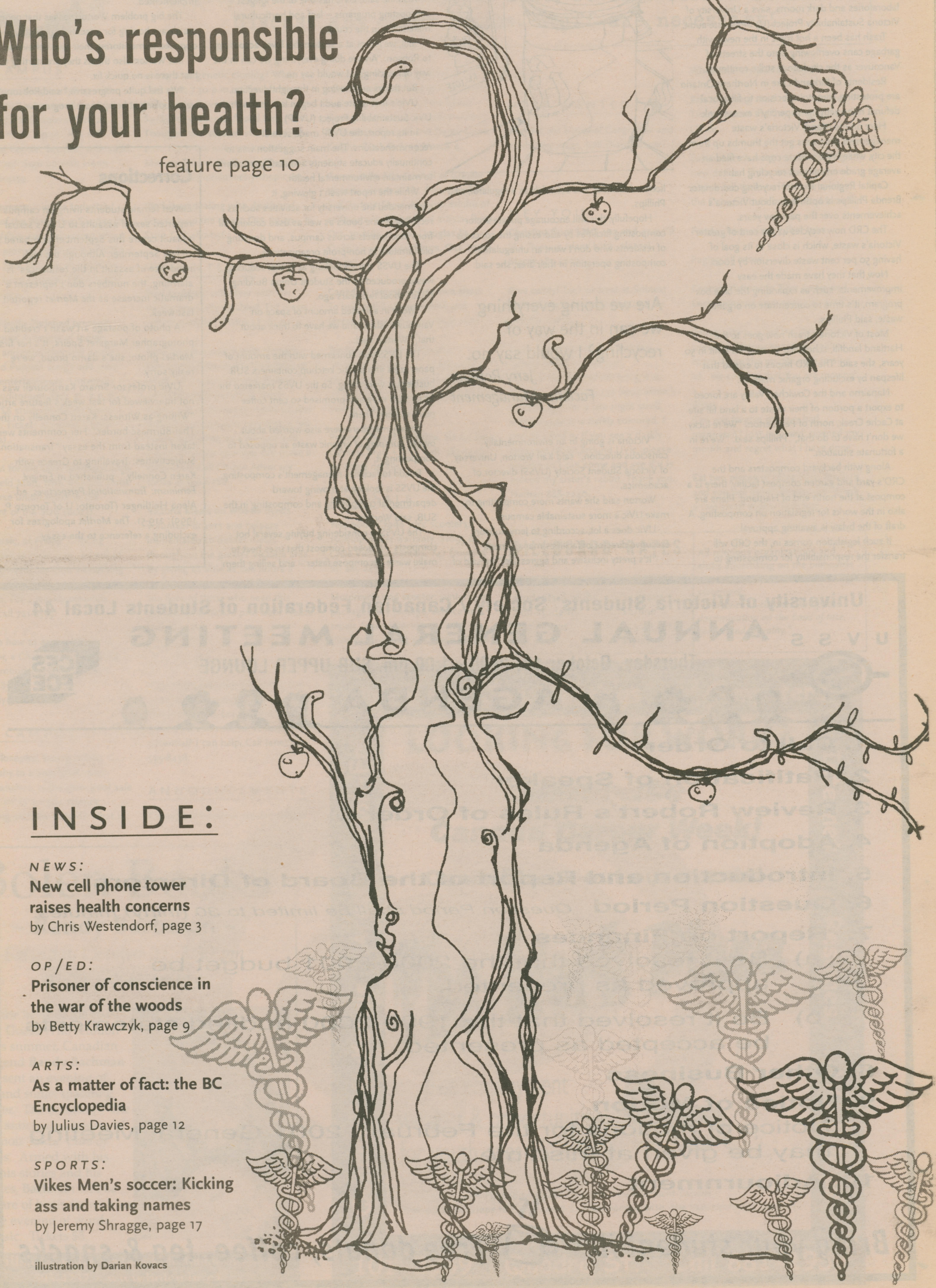

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City passes, UVic slides by on grades for recycling and composting our trash

by Carmel Ecker

UVic produced 878 tonnes of garbage in the last school year and disposed of the equivalent of 700 garbage cans of hazardous waste from laboratories and dark rooms, says a University of Victoria Sustainability Project (UVSP) waste audit.

Trash has been a hot topic in the news with garbage cans overflowing onto the streets of Vancouver as the city labour strike continues.

Residents of Kirkland Lake in Northern Ontario are protesting Toronto's decision to fill a local defunct mine with the supercity's excess junk.

Here on the island, Victoria's waste management programs get the thumbs up from the city, while UVic's waste cops have filed an average grade on campus recycling habits.

Capital Regional District recycling coordinator Brenda Phillips is optimistic about Victoria's achievements over the past few years.

The CRD now recycles 41 per cent of greater Victoria's waste, which is close to its goal of having 50 per cent waste diversion by 2000.

Now that they have made the easy improvements, such as expanding the blue box program, it's time to concentrate on organic waste, said Phillips.

Most of Victoria's trash now goes to the Hartland landfill, scheduled to reach its limit in 50 years, she said. The CRD hopes to extend that lifespan by excluding organic material.

Nanaimo and the Cowichan Valley are forced to export a portion of their waste to a land fill site at Cache Creek, north of Pemberton. "We're lucky we don't have to do that," Phillips said. "We're in a fortunate situation."

Along with backyard composters and the CRD's yard and garden compost facility, there is a compost at the north end of Hartland. Plans are also in the works for legislation on composting. A draft of the bylaw is awaiting approval.

If such legislation comes in, the CRD will transfer the responsibility for composting to

licensed facilities and act solely as a regulator, said Phillips.

Hopefully, this will encourage private sector composting facilities by addressing the concerns of residents who don't want an unregulated composting operation in their area, she said.

> Are we doing everything we can in the way of recycling? I would say no.
>
> *Jerry Robson, Facilities Management*

"Victoria is going in an environmentally conscious direction," said Kari Worton, University of Victoria Student Society (UVSS) director of academics.

Worton said she wants more composting to make UVic a more sustainable campus.

UVic does a lot, according to Jerry Robson, executive director of facilities management.

"It's pretty inclusive and aggressive," he said of the department's recycling program, which even recycles metal (from old desks and other furniture). Receptacles for paper, plastic, glass and metal are placed all around campus.

Also, he said, UVic has one of the longest composting programs – leaf and horticultural materials – in the country.

Still, we're not at a sustainable level, according to Robson. "Are we doing everything we can in the way of recycling?... I would say no."

But things are moving in the right direction.

UVic's first waste audit began last year with the UVic Sustainability Project (UVSP).

In its report, the UVSP made several recommendations. The main suggestion was to continually educate students and staff, particularly to maintain environmental health.

While the report wasn't glowing, it commended the university for activities such as recycling phone books as well as used cooking oil from food outlets across campus, and donating old furniture to non-profit organizations.

The UVSS started looking at further reducing waste produced by the Student Union Building (SUB) about two years ago.

"We're in a limited amount of space on Vancouver Island and we have to think about that," Worton said.

The UVSS was concerned with the amount of paper cups and plastic ketchup containers SUB businesses were using. So the UVSS marketed the $2.50 SUB mug and promised 50 cent coffee refills at Bean There.

Society members were also worried about overall dumping of organic waste as opposed to composting it.

To add to facilities management's composting, the UVSS is looking at moving toward departmental composting and composting in the SUB, said Worton.

The UVSS is considering buying several hot composts – a closed compost that uses heat to make waste decompose faster – and selling them to interested department offices at cost, she said.

The UVSP report also recommended institutional (campus-wide) composting, which the university has considered, but not yet implemented.

The big problem Worton sees is that people are always hoping for a technological solution, as opposed to monitoring their own behaviour.

But Worton also thinks they are starting to see that there is no quick fix.

"We feel quite progressive," said Robson, "and we're looking at being more progressive."

Corrections

Eleven female students living on campus reported sexual assaults to UVic's sexual assault centre this September, compared to 16 last September. Although the high incidence of assault in the residences is alarming, the numbers don't represent a dramatic increase as *the Martlet* reported last week.

A photo of postage art wasn't credited to photographer Margaret Speirs. It's her first *Martlet* photo; she's damn proud, we're really sorry.

UVic professor Smaro Kamboureli was not interviewed for last week's feature article "Writing as Witness: Karen Connelly on the Thai-Burmese border." Her comments were taken instead from the essay "Transnational Subjectivities: Travelling to Greece with Karen Connelly," published in *Émigré Feminism: Transnational Perspectives*, ed. Alena Heitlinger (Toronto: U of Toronto P, 1999): 219-51. *The Martlet* apologizes for excluding a reference to the essay.

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UVSS **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Thursday, October 19, 2000 - 1:00 pm. SUB UPPER LOUNGE

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AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Ratification of Speaker**
3. **Review Robert's Rules of Order**
4. **Adoption of Agenda**
5. **Introduction and Report of the Board of Directors**
6. **Question Period** *Question Period shall be limited to 30 (thirty) minutes.*
7. **Report on Finances**
   a) Be it resolved that the 2000-2001 budget be approved as presented.
   b) Be it resolved that the 1999-2000 audited statements be accepted as presented.
8. **Other Business**
9. **Notice of Motion**
   Notice of motions for the February 2001 General Meeting may be given at this time.
10. **Adjournment**

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New cell phone tower raises health concerns

Federal watchdog say phones pose greater risk

by Chris Westendorf

Forget sports injuries. Some local activists believe UVic athletes could soon be suffering from exposure to electromagnetic radiation now that three new cellular antennas have been added to one of the lightpoles at UVic's Centennial Stadium.

Microcell, owner of the Fido brand of cellular phones, installed the antennas last month on a light pole in the northeast corner of the stadium, 80 feet above the the ground.

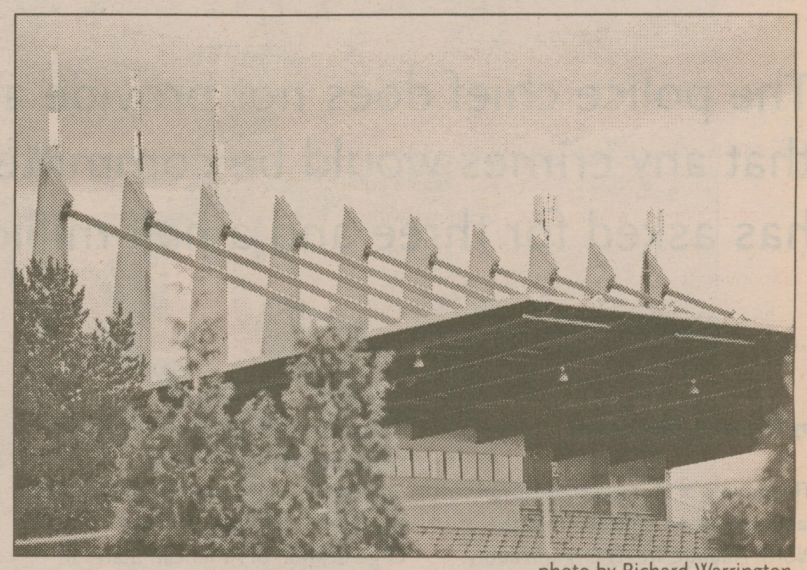

photo by Richard Warrington

Cellular antennas like these ones have been added to one of Centennial Stadium's light poles. Is it safe?

The question shouldn't be 'Is this harmful,' but 'How could it not be harmful?'

Walter McGinnis, Coalition to Reduce Electro-Pollution

This brings the total number of UVic cell antennas to eight: Telus installed two on the stadium roof for the Commonwealth Games in 1994, and Clearnet added three more in the fall of 1998.

UVic's high elevation relative to the rest of Victoria, combined with its central location, make it an ideal site for the antennas, the nearest alternative being Mount Douglas.

But concerns have been raised about the possible danger to public health. The antennas emit electromagnetic radiation, a form of energy whose safety is much debated in the scientific community.

"The question shouldn't be 'is this harmful,' but 'how could it not be harmful?'" says Walter McGinnis, from the Victoria-based Coalition to Reduce Electro-Pollution.

McGinnis and his group have been active in the Victoria area for several years, fighting to prevent the construction of cell phone towers in various neighbourhoods. He says the human race is evolving in the midst of certain natural electromagnetic forces, including the sun's rays.

McGinnis worries, however, that electromagnetic radiation from a cell-phone tower could cause various health defects.

But Bruce Kilpatrick, director of UVic communications, says the scientific evidence against cellular phone antennas isn't conclusive. In 1998 a panel on the health effects of the towers took place between Industry Canada representatives and various student groups.

"At that time, it was clear that the consensus of the scientific community shows no cause for concern," Kilpatrick said.

He confirmed that UVic receives a rental fee for the cellular antennas, but said the amount is covered by a "standand non-disclosure clause" because none of the three companies knows what the others are paying.

"The university is interested in getting as high a rental price as possible," Kilpatrick said.

He added that the primary health concern seems to pertain to individual hand-held cellular telephones rather than antennas such as those on the stadium.

Jim Larson, a spokesperson from Industry Canada, agrees.

"As far as I know, the largest possible health concern is not from the antennas, but from the phone beside your head," Larson said. His agency is responsible for ensuring the UVic antennae comply with Health Canada's safety code six, a provision limiting electromagnetic emissions.

"As far as bystanders and workers are concerned, the emissions from the antennae are many times below the safety limit," Larson said.

However, if industry forecasts are correct, health concerns pertaining to hand-held units may become very relevant to students in the near future.

"UVic could end up being one of the higher end users (of personal cell phones)," said Bob Kunz, a dealer for Rogers-Cantel in Victoria.

Although cell phone use is uncommon amongst UVic students, the Internet is very popular. Internet-friendly cell phones could soon become a fixture at the university, Kunz said.

He described the construction of the towers as being dually motivated, not only to provide service for the surrounding area, but also to profit from the projected increase in web-based cell phones amongst the student population.

"Companies are now perfecting the use of web-browsing phones," Kunz said.

The largest possible health concern is not from the antennae, but from the phone beside your head.

Jim Larson, Industry Canada

UVic has yet to sponsor a public discussion on the construction of these antennae on campus. (The previous panel was organized independent of the university.) This has caused concern for some students.

"I think it's atrocious," said Tracy Merry, a third-year English student at UVic. "We have to spend most of our day here. Anything which concerns student health should be a student decision."

Two hundred local women march for change

photo by Jessica Weirmier

Victorians demonstrate Oct. 15 as part of the World March of Women.

by Jessica Weirmier

"Women hold up half the sky, where's our equal piece of pie?" "Uppity women unite, never give up the fight!" These were the cries marchers called out on their way from Centennial Square, down Douglas Street, to the legislature lawns where 200 people gathered for the World March of Women Oct. 15 in solidarity with marchers from 159 different countries.

"The next [chance for change] will be in the context of the upcoming federal election," says Tara Ehrcke, a member of UVic's International Socialists.

Delegates from the Women's March of Canada steering committee met with Jean Chrétien Oct. 17 and presented him with an official document demanding 64 parliamentary changes for the improvement of women's status nationally and globally. "We want our demands taken up at the next election; they're specific demands so that we can see results...We want it to actually happen," says Ehrcke.

The march was part of a global movement intent on eliminating economic and social injustices facing women. The event began with speeches and songs by UVic Native Students' Union representative Amanda Bedard, and a few words from Gretchen Mann Brewin, B.C.'s Minister Responsible for Children and Families.

The march was followed up with speeches from Jackie Ackerly and Rose Henry of the Together Against Poverty Society, and pro-choice activist Susanne Klausen and performances by UVic's Radical Cheerleaders.

But how effective is a march that only 200 women attend in a city of over 80,000 and a capital region of over 300,000?

"By itself [the march] is just one event and probably does not mean much," said Deborah Yaffe, a professor from UVic's Women's Studies department. "But it takes its significance from the way it lines up with other events." She explained that while the march does little by itself to advance the plight of women, it contributes to the overall struggle. Yaffe said she recognises not all people feel comfortable expressing themselves by marching. She explained that activism can take different forms from writing letters to calling in to radio shows and even more subtle forms.

"We have to do the day to day events to help people see how they're connected to [the women's movement]," she said. "I think people should go to marches because they feel connected to it."

She acknowledged that the march's message of eliminating poverty and violence against women is desperately needed.

"Victoria is full of poor women and violence against women," she said. "There's a lot of visible poverty and invisible poverty. The authorities downtown aren't concerned with it unless it affects tourism." Yaffe explained that many women living in Victoria keep up appearances while still living below the poverty line.

This year's march was inspired by the Women's March Against Poverty. In 1995, three contingents of 850 women from the Fédération des Femmes du Québec (Quebec Federation of Women) marched from Québec to Parliament hill in Ottawa. The activists walked for a total of 10 days. Fifteen thousand people met them in Ottawa to show their support. Shortly afterwards, nine of the womens' demands, related to economic justice, were officially legislated. Today's World March takes these women's success as a model to work from.

The movement spotlights the roles global organizations, such as the WTO, International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank, play in maintaining women's status as second class citizens. "The WTO is attacking all sorts of women's rights," says Ehrcke. When governments are forced through international pressures to cut back spending on social services, it is the women who are affected she adds.

An international delegation of the March of Women will present a petition to end violence against women to United Nations' Secretary-General Kofi Annan on Oct. 17 in New York. In 1985 the UN announced that the target date for achieving women's equality was the year 2000.

We want our demands taken up at the next election. They're specific demands so that we can see results.

Tara Ehrcke, International Socialists

"Even when international bodies make decisions like that you have to be very specific," Ehrcke said. She added that institutions like the UN, the IMF and even the Canadian government are under pressure to appear progressive in their attitudes to help the status of women. Instead, all three of the organizations have failed to do so. She pointed to United Nations sanctions against Iraq that have resulted in the deaths of thousands of children as proof.

NATO conference: near pandemonium swept away

The police chief does not provide any evidence that any crimes would be committed and yet he has asked for three and a half million dollars.

Bruce Wallace VIPIRG

Martlet photo

Victoria has avoided scenes like this one in Seattle at the World Trade Organization protests last year.

by Miguel R. MacDonald

The people of Victoria were surprised last week when officials from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) pulled their Parliamentary Conference 2001 out of the garden city.

But even more surprising are the attitudes simmering in the aftermath of NATO's decision.

With echoes of relief among city officials, the Victoria police department and the majority of Victoria-based protesters, it remains to be seen who actually wanted NATO in Victoria in the first place. A $3 million price tag, the threat of possible protests and a prospective "buffer zone" fencing off an entire city block are just a few of the things that have kept the conference away from the city.

"This should be seen as a victory," said Victoria city councilor Rob Fleming. "If organizations like the IMF, NATO, and the World Bank are deterred from meeting in urban centres that's great. In the past three years conferences for the IMF , the World Bank, APEC and the OEC have all been met with protests that brought millions of dollars in policing costs and sometimes even damage."

The $3.4 million-dollar price tag quoted by the Victoria City Police in their risk assessment was based on costs incurred at the WTO conference in Seattle, the IMF/ World Bank in Washington, DC, the Organization of American States in Windsor, and The World Petroleum Conference in Calgary. The police estimated $400,000 for security fencing and video surveillance, $750,000 for Personnel for Planning, and $200,000 for crowd control equipment.

"It wasn't council that produced the report," Fleming said. "It was the police force. As Chretien learned at APEC, politicians aren't supposed to interfere with professional security decisions."

In a six-page report to city council, Chief Constable Paul Battershill argued that the conference would be met with protests. He said that globalization protest Internet sites and local media releases both targeted the prospective Oct. 2001 conference. He stressed that Victoria's proximity to Vancouver and Eugene, Oregon – the centre of the anarchist "black bloc" faction – raised concern over potential protests.

"We are in receipt of information which identifies Victoria and Quebec City (Organization of American States Meeting in April) as targets for major globalization protests during 2001," Battershill wrote.

"What we indicated to council was the possibility of protests," he said in a phone interview with *the Martlet*. "We provided council with some of the things that could have been done."

Battershill suggested four options for policing to be used at some of the other global conferences. They included erecting chain-link fence exclusion zones, deploying over 1000 police officers, forming a planning group meant to "assess risk and intelligence" and the use of unified police command structures.

According to Councillor Fleming, perimeter fencing would have enclosed the Victoria Conference Centre on all four sides. Fencing would have run along Douglas, Humbolt, Government and Bellevue streets to fully encompass the centre. Fleming also said that up to 1000 police officers would have been transported to Victoria to meet the report's requirements as the entire South Island area has a membership of only 500 officers.

"I think it's important for people to realize that the conference was withdrawn because of a decision that was made by the organizers," said Battershill. "It was not a case of the city or the police department telling them to go away."

But if NATO was scared away from Victoria what made them change their mind?

"What I infer from this is that there is other evidence that we don't know about," said Bruce Wallace of the Vancouver Island Public Interest Research Group (VIPIRG). "I don't know if our elected officials are setting the agenda. I think the police are setting the agenda."

Wallace added that the police have a history of justifying planning for the worst. Such was the case at the World Petroleum conference in Calgary when 250 protesters were met by thousands of police officers. Policing at the conference cost taxpayers $4.7 million. Wallace cited this as well as the Windsor conference as examples of over-policing.

"The police chief does not provide any evidence that any crimes would be committed and yet he has asked for three and a half million dollars," Wallace said.

While the monitoring of protesters is nothing new, some feel it is on the rise.

"It's because of APEC," said an environmental activist who asked not to be named. "That's where it all started. [Canada] was asleep and now they've started to pay attention." He pointed to the increased use of traffic and parkade cameras as evidence of increasing surveillance. "We are rapidly moving towards a police state."

He added that the police use crime as a way of increasing the amount of surveillance on the population but claim that it is to make streets safer from crime. But with the expansion of the Internet and mobile communication he said that things are changing.

"We have communication equipment that they only used to have," he said. "[People] can organize much quicker." The threat of cell phone technology became evident in Seattle when the unnamed source said the authorities shut down cellular service in sections of the city.

"There were lots of areas that became dead zones," he said.

With the conference cancelled, protesters will have to be patient and wait to find out where the conference has been moved to. Meanwhile, VIPIRG has decided to celebrate the demise of the conference at the Fernwood community centre this Friday.

Despite numerous calls, acting Mayor Pamela Madoff could not be reached before press deadline. Mayor Alan Lowe is in Japan. Liberal MP George Proud, who notified the city of Victoria that NATO had cancelled its plans for the October conference, had not returned calls from *the Martlet* by the press deadline.

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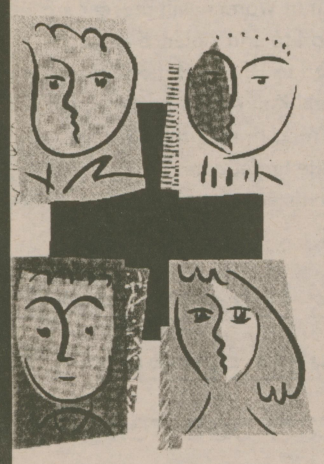

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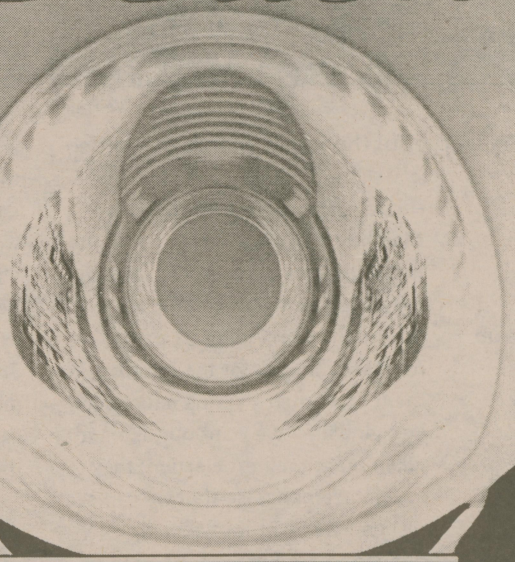

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Hearty Bug Push raises $2027

by Gillian Jerome

It's a rainy day in October and the Red Hot Chili Peppers blare from a sound system set up outside the Student Union Building. Under a plastic tarp marked United Way, a crowd of UVic engineering students hoot and holler, punching their fists into the air in support of the 10th annual Bug Push–a 24-hour relay organized by the engineering student's society to raise money for the United Way.

Eight UVic Commerce students with very rosy cheeks push the rump of a lime green bug up Ring Road. It's a convoy of bright beetles: this year's model of Volkswagen's famous beetle leads a decrepit sister critter built in 1971.

"It's actually harder than you'd think," says Kane Miller, a second-year computer engineering student roused from bed at 9:30 a.m. for the 10 a.m. start.

Dave King, a 6'4" mechanical engineer with a giant foam cog crowning his head, whizzes by the tent on roller blades shaking a large bell jar filled with coins and bills.

Last year King singlehandedly collected $1000–almost half the total raised.

This year the engineering students wrote a $2027 cheque to the United Way.

The turn out was on par with last year's push, says Craig Rice, an organizer of the event for three years running.

Invites to put a team together were sent out to most UVic faculties, corporations in town like Telus, and even Vikes athletes. But the UVic engineers pick up the slack, especially during the night, which could be a mark of poor organization, Rice admits.

"We just had an election and the executive turnover was high," says Rice. "And the pub crawl last weekend. People are pretty tired."

The first runners at this year's event included engineering dean Michael Miller and mechanical engineering professor Sadick Dost.

"I can't keep up with them anymore," says 50-year-old Miller. "And I bike to work. They are an ambitious crew."

In a milieu where engineers have garnered a bad reputation for their wild, drunken antics, Miller credits UVic's engineering students for organizing events that "never get out of hand." The university's first dean of engineering, Dr. Eric Manning, steered the students toward charity events, he says. The engineering society, with a dozen executives at the helm, organizes two major charity events a year.

The bug push was first perceived as a hack gig by the university's administration back in the early 90s, says Rice, with engineers pushing an old beetle around the Petch fountain.

In 1994, permission was granted to circle Ring road. As the event ages, sponsors become more generous. Speedway Auto donated two vehicles rent-free this year. Villages Pizza donated more pizza which was delivered 'round the clock.

Engineers at UBC are infamous for their drunken acts of subversion in the city involving the Volkswagen bug. Two years ago the rowdy UBC engineers hung a delapitated bug from the Lion's Gate bridge.

But the UVic event is a dry one, Lila Klektau, a second year computer engineer and one of two women participants pushing during the first lap.

"Engineering has got that ratty side associated with lots of drinking," says Klektau. "We're trying to present a more positive image of ourselves."

A plea to end poverty

by Miguel R. MacDonald

Between 70 and 100 people formed a ring in the shadow of the downtown branch of the Royal Bank this past Tuesday to protest corporate greed.

Corporate Relations Against Poverty (CRAP), organized by the Together Against Poverty Society (TAPS) held the sidewalk demonstration to protest.

"We want the corporations to stop the rape of the earth," said Jackie Ackerly, Community Outreach Liason for TAPS, through a megaphone. She called for the government to push for programs like free post-secondary education and child care. "We want the government to meet the needs of the poor [instead of] the corporations," she said. Ackerly also revisited the success of past demonstrations, this year being the sixth, for having spoken out against changes to the B.C. income assistance program in 1995, and Victoria's 1997 push to remove street people from the city's sidewalks. Ackerly sees Oct. 17 of each year as a chance to educate people passing by and to reaffirm her commitment to her work for TAPS.

CRAP is a spoof on corporate interest groups, such as the World Bank. Leaflets distributed stated that the world spends $40 billion playing golf each year while Europeans and Americans jointly spend $17 billion on pet food. According to the leaflet $780 billion dollars goes towards military spending worldwide. All the amounts quoted were in US funds.

"All of the programs of the World Bank have been misguided," said Joan Russow, Leader of the Canadian Green Party. She cited as examples programs in Mexico where the World Bank recommended to establish firm banking programs to promote commerce as a way to help the people of Mexico. In the meantime, many people in Mexico must drink bottled water, underlining the contrasting priorities of what people need and what the World Bank facilitates, Russow said.

She added that similar situations exist in Brazil where water abounds but very little of it is drinkable. Land that would normally be used to grow foods for the local economy is instead used to grow cash crops like cotton. She emphasized the need for local-based economies rather than ones that cater to global trade.

"The year 2000 was the year when there was going to be food for all," Russow said, referring to a 1981 World Bank declaration.

Hunger Count 2000, a survey released by the Canadian Association of Food Banks, revealed 726,900 people used food banks across the country in March alone. The stat indicated a 92 per cent increase since 1989. One in six Canadians live below the poverty line. Child hunger affects 1.2 per cent of families with children under age 11, the equivalent of 57,000 families.

The Victoria march coincided with marches across the country as anti-poverty demonstrators went to the streets.

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Dave Nash and David Tataryn flank a Ronald McDonald impersonator clowning around in front of the Douglas street McDonald's Oct. 17.

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Whatever happened to those Chinese 'boat people'?

Local rights advocate challenges continued detention in Prince George

by Ben Isitt

Eighty-two men and women remain imprisoned in a Prince George jail a year after 599 refugees sailed from China's Fujian province to the coast of B.C.

Their crime? Seeking a better life in Canada.

"They thought Canada was supposed to be a refuge for them," says Harinder Dhillon, director of the Capital Region Race Relations Association, a Victoria group dedicated to combating racism and discrimination in the community.

"What happened is now they've been criminalized and dehumanized. They've been pulled out of the public eye in Prince George. The public outcry has been quelched."

Dhillon refers to the community support that took shape in Victoria in the wake of the refugees' arrival in the summer of 1999. From July to September that year, four ships bearing a total of 599 would-be-immigrants arrived on B.C.'s rugged coastline.

Intercepted by RCMP and Coast Guard ships, the Fujianese were transported in yellow school buses to a military gymnasium in Esquimalt's Work Point Barracks, a couple kilometres from the heart of Victoria.

On three separate occasions, scores of citizens converged on the make-shift jail to voice their support for the refugees. These 'welcoming parties' were organized by Dhillon's group in conjunction with the Community Coalition Against Racism.

"Divide and conquer stopped working," Dhillon recalls. "We were able to come together."

But over a year later, voices of support for the refugees are few and far between. A total of 253 have been deported back to China and their fate remains uncertain. Twenty one of the refugees boarded two commercial aircraft in Vancouver International Airport Oct. 19 for the long flight across the Pacific.

> We believe that if you were in our shoes you would not think that seeking asylum and freedom was a crime
>
> *statement from Fujianese hunger strikers*

"We're doing removals as soon as we get travel documents," said Janis Fergusson, communications officer for Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

Of the 599 people who arrived on the ships, 586 made refugee claims to the Immigrant ad Refugee Board, Fergusson said. Seventy were abandoned and 16 withdrawn. Twenty-four claims have yet to be decided upon, and another 24 were successful.

"They met the criteria," Fergusson said.

She said that as a signatory to the 1951 U.N. convention on refugees, Canada accepts those who have been persecuted for their race, religion, or membership in a political or social group.

"Do they establish a well-founded fear based on those reasons?" Fergusson asks. "It's up to the individual to show the board members how they are a refugee based on that criteria."

Not all refugee claimants are jailed during the hearing process. An exception was made in the case of the Chinese because of the fear that they would disappear.

"They're not criminals," Fergusson stressed. "They're simply immigration clients who are being detained."

Those incarcerated in Prince George have been far from complacent. Nine women began a week-long hunger strike Oct. 2 to protest their continued imprisonment. Two of those involved were deported Oct. 13.

"Judges hand me orders to hold people. And I hold people until I get information otherwise," said Bob Riches, district director for Corrections B.C. in the Prince George area. At the end of September he took responsibility for holding 158 refugees, 34 of whom were women.

"We've had problems from time to time," Riches said. "But generally, when you consider the circumstances, I think it's gone pretty well."

The female strikers seem to disagree. In a translated statement released Oct. 2, they rail against their incarceration.

"In prison, we cannot see the blue sky, cannot breath fresh air, cannot eat food that fits our diets, cannot freely communicate with the outside world, and we are subjected to unreasonable punishment," the statement says.

It goes on to express their fear of being returned to China and to appeal to Canadians "to open your sympathetic hearts and offer a warm hand to rescue us from this suffering. We believe that if you were in our shoes you would not think that seeking asylum and freedom was a crime."

This past July, dozens of Chinese inmates rioted.

"It was a minor disturbance," Riches said. "They broke windows in the unit. But it was resolved peacefully. We didn't have to use a tactical team or any other violent intervention. It was resolved through negotiation."

But this unrest in the wilds of Prince George points to the frustration the refugees face, Dhillon argues.

"The incarceration has [lasted] over a year now," Dhillon said. "They are definitely feeling depression and other ill-effects from the experience. We can't access really what's happening inside."

Dhillon sees the hunger strike as a political statement.

"They're trying to appeal to the Canadian public, invoking the humanitarian stance we express on an international level," she said. "They hope to get support from the average Canadian who understands the difference between the immigrant and refugee process and the mass media."

In Dhillon's opinion, the mainstream media has fanned the flames of intolerance against the Chinese arrivals. The local *Times Colonist* newspaper ran a headline on Aug. 15, 1999, at the height of the 'boat people' hysteria, reading simply: "Go Home." Beneath the headline was a full-page photograph of a female Chinese teenager behind a chain-link fence.

Other stories included, "Reform sees AIDS risk," (Sept. 3, '99), "Migrant Invasion," (Aug. 13, '99) and "Third Suspicious Ship Tracked." (Aug. 31, ' 99)

"You've got people wanting the media to inform them," Dhillon said. "What you're getting is misinformation."

Dhillon argues that opposition to the refugees was motivated by what she refers to as the "corporate colonizer," the "machinery" of Western economic interests that has a vested interest in preventing human migration.

Seth Klein, director of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, a left-leaning think tank based in Vancouver, argued in the wake of the refugees' arrival that this was the side of globalization that was seldom discussed.

"We cannot, in good conscience, continue to reap the rewards of this unjust system in the form of cheap goods from China, and then react with horror and resentment when the inevitable flow of people follows," Klein said.

Dhillon believes the arrival of the Chinese refugees polarized Canadian society in general and Victoria in particular. People either subscribed to "an extremely racist backlash" or "ran away from the issue."

Some notion of our collective history is crucial, Dhillon insists, if we are to avoid falling into the trap of racism and fear mongering propagated in the mainstream media.

"Most of us came as economic refugees, looking for a better way of life," Dhillon said. "That issue has been totally muted... What's happened is that you've betrayed the most poor and vulnerable and didn't think twice about it."

on the spot

by Jeffrey A. Werner and Kara Thompson

Do you support Canada's decision to deport Chinese refugees who came to Victoria in the summer of 1999?

James Kennedy

I don't think this should become a trend, but I support liberal immigration policies.

Peter Schimunek

No, I don't.

Karen Messer

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Tight security planned for Summit of the Americas in Québec City

by Andrea Huncar

MONTREAL (CUP) Québec City police are already plotting security tactics for an April meeting of thousands of officials from North and South America, drawing criticism from anti-free traders.

From April 20 to 22, 7,500 officials from 34 states will be in the city for the Summit of the Americas. On the agenda will be the Free Trade Agreement of the Americas, a plan to take down trade barriers on the continent and create a free trade zone by 2005.

"It's the largest number of dignitaries that Canada has hosted at one time," said RCMP spokesperson Const. Julie Brongel.

That's one of the reasons a barricade will surround all summit venues for the security of participants, as well as citizens and demonstrators, says Brongel.

However, some anti-free trade groups say Quebec's security zone for the April meeting may be going too far.

"They're sanitizing Québec City, rendering it a people-free zone and cherry picking who is allowed to be there," said Jaggi Singh, a well-known activist and member of Montreal's Anti-Capitalist Convergence. "What we have here is an undeclared War Measures Act."

Brongel described the perimeter around the venues as a "buffer zone," deemed necessary from studies of past summits attracting world leaders. "We're worried about having a lot of people outside the sites," she said.

That's not surprising considering the impressive mobilization of thousands of demonstrators this year in Seattle, Washington, Windsor and most recently Prague, where over 11,000 people demonstrated against the International Monetary Fund and The World Bank.

Stéphane Paquet, a spokesperson for the umbrella activist group Operation Quebec Spring 2001, said the barricade in Québec City could extend over a kilometre.

"If [they] have to put on such security measures, maybe they should realize that there's a problem with the issues raised in these conferences," he said.

Even though Brongel said many details of the security zone are not yet known, she confirmed that over 3,000 officers from the RCMP, Sûreté du Québec and the municipal forces of Québec City and Sainte-Foy will be involved. Also, a pass system and checkpoints will be in place. Passes issued to employees, police officers, and journalists, following a criminal background check, will authorize perimeter and site access. Residents and business people will also need passes, though without a criminal background check .

According to Singh and Paquet, the security zone will affect 35,000 people.

When asked whether a demonstrator would be allowed to visit a friend in the area, Brongel said the RCMP was still looking into situations like social visits, but would be asking for "the co-operation of the public" during those three days.

While Paquet acknowledged that some security measures are required, he thinks Québec authorities may be going overboard.

"There were 200 heads of state in New York a few weeks ago at the United Nations and I don't think Manhattan became a no man's land for that particular situation," he said. "Only 34 heads of state are scheduled for April."

Paquet thinks these particular security measures are to cut down on demonstrations.

"You cannot have 10 to 20 thousand people at a particular place at a particular time without [the public] asking questions," he said. "So trying to avoid demonstrations is a national interest for the government."

But Brongel said that final decisions on security depended in part on "threat evaluation."

"Some groups have been quite vocal about their wishes to disrupt the summit. We're keeping a tab on that but I'm not at liberty to say how we get our information or who those groups are."

In "Anti-Globalization: A Spreading Phenomenon," the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) traces the growing anti-globalization movement and predicts major disruptions at the Québec summit. In its final paragraph, the document states that "the threat of summit-associated violence in Québec City cannot be ruled out."

Activist and journalist Naomi Klein, whose book *No Logo* was singled out in the report, said CSIS and police agencies around the world are over-inflating the risk of violence.

"They are trying to paint all activism as potential terrorism in order to justify increased surveillance and the use of force," she said.

But Brongel acknowledges the rights of pacifist demonstrators.

"We have no intention of minimizing what they want to vocalize," she said. "There will be places where demonstrators will be able to speak freely."

However, she said she could not confirm whether that would be inside or outside the perimeter.

Tight security means people will have to be creative in their demonstrations, said Singh. He called next April's demonstrations a "Carnival Against Capitalism."

Groups such as Operation Québec Spring 2001 will run teach-ins, conferences, workshops, cabarets, community kitchens and convoys. The 2001 group will also run an "adopt a demonstrator" program that will find accommodation for out-of-town participants.

The activists' agenda may become clearer at a "welcoming party," among other events, scheduled for the Group of 20 meeting on Oct. 23 in Montreal.

In his article titled "S26 Montreal: Solidarity with Prague Looking Ahead," Singh describes the demonstration as "something of an appetizer" for the upcoming April summit.

Three Canadian universities looking at big-business deal

by Alex Dimson

VANCOUVER (CUP) An international group of universities that includes three Canadian campuses is on the verge of announcing a partnership with Microsoft, says a University of British Columbia (UBC) professor.

Chris Robinson, the director of the Melbourne, Australia-based Universitas 21, said on Oct. 5 that he expects to announce a major deal with a company "people have definitely heard of" within two weeks.

Universitas 21 is an international consortium of 16 universities that includes McGill University, the University of Toronto and the University of British Columbia.

Roger Boshier, a UBC professor of adult education who specializes in Web learning, claims that the deal will be struck with Microsoft, a multi-billion dollar multinational computer company.

The arrangement was discussed at a meeting called Universitas 21 held last week in Glasglow, Scotland, according to Boshier.

The meeting was attended by at least two UBC officials: Robert Tierney, the dean of education and associate dean of education Jon Shapiro.

Shapiro confirmed that he attended the meeting, but declined to comment on the nature of meeting, referring the matter to Tierney.

"I definitely got the sense that some members of the group were interested in some sort of corporate arrangement," Tierney said.

A Microsoft spokesperson also declined to comment on the issue, stating it was Microsoft's policy not to comment on rumours.

Anita Zaenker, British Columbia chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students, had not heard of the potential Microsoft deal before contacted by Canadian University Press. But she said that such an arrangement could have a potentially dangerous influence on university curriculum.

"It also helps to develop the clear interest multinational corporations like Microsoft want to have in playing in higher-education," she added.

Robinson, however, said there are more immediate threats to post-secondary institutions than the potential dangers of corporatization.

"Universities across the globe are facing the same problems. They are receiving less money even as their demands for enrollment go up. In essence they are being asked to do more with less," he said.

Robinson added that an alliance with a big corporation could offer financial rewards that are "potentially quite large" and would be distributed evenly to all the member universities.

The new deal may be in addition to, but could also replace, a tentative for-profit arrangement between Universitas 21 and media mogul Rupert Murdoch's Newscorp, a $40-billion multinational corporation that owns newspapers and television networks around the world.

Robinson said that while Universitas 21 had signed a memorandum of understanding with Newscorp in May, the contract was not binding and the organization has continued to look for other arrangements.

The agreement would have seen Universitas 21 accredit the courses and lend the support of its member schools to Newscorp's subsidiary, TSL Education, a United Kingdom-based education publisher, which would design and administer the courses.

The for-profit nature of the alliance has some people questioning the necessity of Universitas' approach to online education.

Zaenker said that online education should never replace a traditional four-year degree.

"A lot of what one gains from post-secondary education is the contact between your professor and students and the collegial atmosphere in which learning takes place," she said. "I think online learning can in no way replicate that environment."

But Robinson defended the move, explaining that traditional universities such as UBC are now facing increasing demand for online education.

"There are a lot of people who don't want to spend four years going to a traditional brick-and-mortar school and [traditional universities] might not have the capacity to provide people with alternative service," he said. "I think it's necessary for universities to adapt, and quickly."

Robinson said that companies such as Newscorp have more experience with the online marketplace than do universities, and could help the schools compete in an area where they normally "would not have the muscle."

But according to William Coty, the director of Internet studies at UBC's continuing studies branch, the demand for online education is still unclear.

He said that while some industry experts estimate the market for online learning is worth billions of dollars per year, "a lot of the online e-commerce companies also believe there is going to be this huge market of consumers and, obviously, it hasn't materialized. With online education, it could be the same way."

In the case that there is a market for this type of education the university is morally responsible to help fulfill that demand, he said.

Universitas 21 was formed in 1997 with the intention of pursuing "agendas that would be beyond [the universities'] individual capacities."

Alberta students fight tuition increases

by Jon Dunbar

EDMONTON (CUP) – Student groups in Alberta are launching a massive postcard campaign asking the provincial government to cap tuition increases at two per cent.

In the province where tuition has gone up more than 200 per cent in the past decade to $3,841, students are being asked to send postcards to both Learning Minister Lyle Oberg and Premier Ralph Klein.

Eighty thousand postcards, with parody ads for the GAP and Absolut Vodka, will be distributed to universities across the province. Twenty thousand postcards have already been distributed, many of which can be found in coffee shops in Edmonton and Calgary.

The cards will be distributed to student association councillors, university senators, the faculty association, student services, and high school students.

University of Alberta students' association spokesperson Naomi Agard said the plan at her university is to have 15,000 postcards "signed, sealed and delivered" to both Klein and Oberg.

She urges students to return signed cards by Oct. 23.

"It is important that we get the postcards back," she said, "both to save students money on postage and to collect a significant amount to bring over to the legislature."

Last year, students at the University of Calgary ran a similar, but unsuccessful, campaign. Average tuition at that university increased by $184 a year to $3,834.

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EDITORIAL:

Palestinian and Israeli conflict skewed

When does it become justified for the media to represent a "good guy" and "bad guy" in an international conflict? When does it appear rational for the media to take a clear side when reporting on a crisis between two warring groups? How do Western "oil interests" and foreign-weapons markets influence "peacekeeping" politics?

Now the rant about favoritism and bias in the media is old and dry and thin but, in case you haven't noticed, shit's been going down over in Israel and we've been getting a pretty skewed version of that in mainstream coverage.

Browse the vocabulary in Canadian and Associated Press articles and you might get the impression that Palestinian protesters are "militant," "terrorist," "defiant." The Israeli armed forces are represented as only responding to Palestinian violence, rather than participating in an armed conflict.

The reality of the situation seems, all the way from across the world, to be an unfortunate conflict between two groups of people. It does not seem to make a terrible amount of sense for one group's actions to be endorsed and the other's defiled.

What is needed is a bit of context, a bit of understanding into why each side has taken the position and actions it has. Without understanding the divergent motives and interests of Palestinians and Israelis, no peace is possible in the Middle East.

The story is a long one, but its origins can be found in the rampant anti-semitism that plagued the Western World from the beginning of the first millennium until the present day. Persecuted and rejected by all lands, Jews were attacked as 'Jesus killers" and "devil worshippers." This unjustified hatred culminated in the destruction of a third of all Jews on Earth in the gas chambers of the Third Reich.

In the aftermath of World War Two, the decades-old Zionist argument of "a land without a people for a people without a land" began to resonate. Jews were justifiably suspicious of the 'family of nations' that had turned its back on them and consigned them to death. The idea of their own country was appealing, and so they moved en masse to the Middle East.

But this didn't change the fact that one million Arab people called Palestine home. A power struggle ensued, tacitly encouraged by Britain and many other Western nations. Eventually, Jews unilaterally established the State of Israel in May 1948. Land was seized in a series of wars in the decades that followed. And one million Palestinians were relegated to horrific refugee camps on the fringes of the new Jewish state: in southern Lebanon, Jordan, and the Gaza Strip.

For fifty years anger simmered, at times erupting into violence: molotov cocktails, chunks of pavement, M-16s, and even airplane hijackings. Meanwhile, the United States and Western allies had an ally in Israel, a country compelled to remain faithful to the West in the face of a hostile Arab population. To put it bluntly, she needed American arms – to the tune of $1.6 billion per year.

As the relationship solidified, western oil interests became secure. Access to the Suez Canal was ensured. And the flames of anti-Semitism were fanned by the arrangement.

Now, most people are used to the idea of Israel, the Jewish state. The mainstream media doesn't discuss the occupation of Palestinian land – only the militarism, terrorism and defiance of the Islamic "opposition." Palestinian deaths are recounted in statistics, as the result of "rock-throwing clashes in the West Bank," while a single Israeli soldier receives the devotion of entire articles.

Maybe we just can't get past dualism. Maybe the flaming echo of anti-semitism accounts for Israeli favoritism. Or maybe oil interests and peacekeeping politics have a hell of a lot stronger grip on the throat of our wonderful, free and democratic press than most people care to admit.

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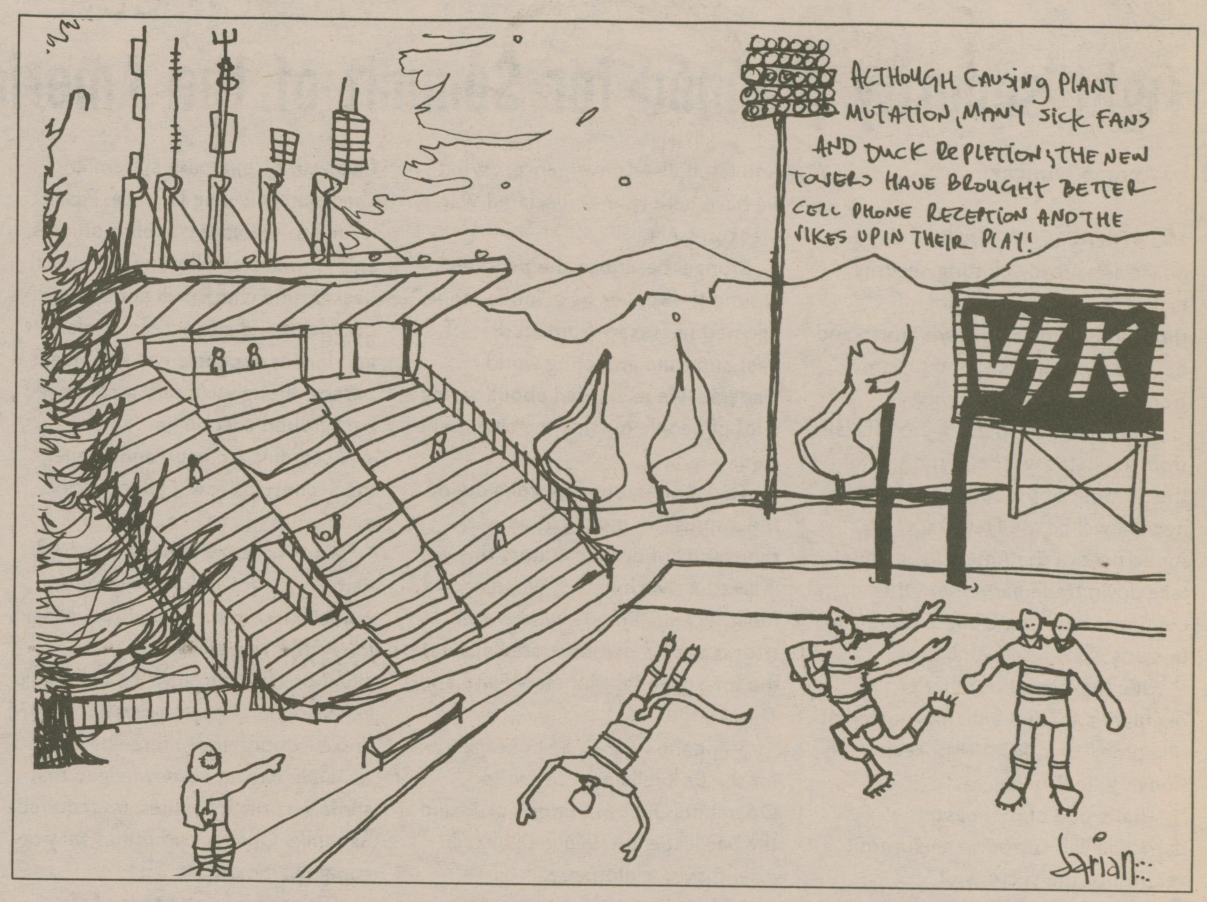
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LETTERS:

The NSU objects to editorial

The Native Students' Union Education Circle is disappointed with the editorial, 'Colonial Arrogance at Burnt Church,' in the Oct. 5 issue of *the Martlet*. We feel the editorial was accurate with most of the information about the Mi'kmaq issue, however, there was some misinformation in regards to conservation. Saying that the Mi'kmaq have a strong legal argument to support their right to fish lobster out of existence is thoroughly misleading and inflammatory. Since time immemorial, the Mi'kmaq have conserved and successfully managed the resources of their traditional territory. This is at the heart of the aboriginal and Canadian issue. Aboriginal people have the right to self-determination, we have our own laws and we have not extinguished any rights through any treaty. Some statistics from Aboriginal Peoples Television Network:

1. lobster traps dropped: non-native 225,000; Miíkmaq: 20,000
2. DFO licenses: 750 non-native; offered to Burnt Church 17
3. catch last year: non-native eight million pounds; Burnt Church 300,000 pounds.

The Native Students' Union Education Circle brings awareness of aboriginal issues to the UVic community. One of our major issues is conservation and the depletion of natural resources along with the impact caused by industrial societies. It is our traditional values and beliefs which define the human relationship with the environment. We are not the "pure conservationists" (the noble stereotype) nor do we exterminate species (the savage stereotype). We have a relationship with the earth that is much different than the dominant society. It is this worldview and the deconstruction of the stereotypes the NSU wish to address.

Curtis Rattray and Karen Olso

Coke Club takes Mr. King to task

In a letter last week to *the Martlet*, Thomas King made several statements regarding the UVic Democratic Assembly of Coke Drinkers. As the majority of these statements were either based on erroneous information or the product of flawed reasoning, the Coke Club would like to set the record straight.

Mr. King began by stating that he found it "extremely disturbing" that the Coke Club received token funding from the UVSS. I appreciate that Mr. King may not share our interests in fighting oppressive, undemocratic, and hegemonic corporate monopolies on campus; however, surely he isn't suggesting that we only fund clubs that everyone agrees with. After all, if the largest club on campus (over 900 members and still growing!) doesn't deserve funding, then who does?!? Don't forget: our members pay UVSS fees too, and deserve to see their interests funded.

He also stated that the Coke Club supports the implementation of a Coke monopoly deal. As there is some confusion on this issue, let me be clear: nothing could be further from the truth, Yes, we want to see Coke for sale on campus; however, we also want to see Jolt, RC-Cola, Safeway Select, and any other beverage students demand. At the Coke Club, we are pro-cola choice, and are against any deal restricting your right to ingest what you want.

The biggest inaccuracy in Mr. King's letter was when he stated that he didn't pay for Pepsi to advertise on campus. The sad truth is that every time you plug a loonie into a Pepsi machine you are paying for the right to have Pepsi ads stare you in the face. Does anyone actually think that Pepsi signed this deal out of their love for UVic students? Does anyone actually think Pepsi is loosing money? They sell us pop at inflated prices, make a pile of money, and then give us a tiny fraction of their profits back in the form of a bribe.

He is right on one point: you're damn right we advertise. We advertise to tell UVic students that if they support their right to freedom of choice, and if they are tired of UVSS hypocrisy regarding corporate involvement on campus, that they now have a club that supports their interests.

Keir D. Wilmut, UVic Democratic Assembly of Coke Drinkers

Eclectic monkeys

I would like to let you know of a strange occurance at UVic on Friday (Oct. 7). I was at Velox Rugby Club, hanging out and all of a sudden three people came in. One was dressed in a Santa suit with a cowboy hat and a video camera, another was wearing a man's suit and a shark hat. The third was wearing a pink jacket and a blue hat with green wings on it and ski goggles. The even stranger part was that they each had an instrument and were playing them and dancing crazily. Soon enough they left.

I was then at UVic, where I was with some friends at the fountain. I then saw the three again, this time they were singing and dancing around the fountain... they were singing a quite strange language. We then conversed for a little while and they told us they were Madagascarian Thanksgiving carollers. They told us UVic had hired them to bring Thanksgiving cheer to the school. They soon departed and later that evening I saw them at the UVic residences playing their instruments, (bongos, harmonica and shaker) and singing and dancing. I would like to know who they were? What was that for? And why did UVic hire such odd musicians to play Thanksgiving carols for us who stayed home on the weekend?

Christopher Imbeau

P.S. The paper is looking a wee splendier this year. Good job on the cover photos.

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MONOLOGUE:

Spartan recruitment of singles by Chapters

by Jessica Weirmier

Single people of the world, keep your eyes peeled for thatringthing, a clever.com venture launched by Vancouver ringmaster Jan Brandy, the promoter of a revolutionary device for the singles of America. It's a silver ring you're supposed to wear on your pinkie finger, or as a lapel pin. By wearing it, you identify yourself as single and available. It's so hard to meet people in this crazy, isolated world, right?

It wasn't too long ago that I might have literally jumped at the mention of a trick as easy as thatringthing, and rode it all the way to at least one illicit rendezvous with some other ringer. I haven't forgotten how hard it was watching friends and family drop one by one from the single scene.

And I remember feeling like the world had it out for single people like me – buying groceries and making dinner for one was very depressing.

Like it or not, society puts a lot of pressure on us to find true love, or anything that even remotely resembles it. But a pinkie ring?

The company will produce gold rings, and rings made from rhodium for people with silver allergies. And don't think thatringthing discriminates on the basis of sexual orientation, either. Designs are underway for a distinct same-sex ring to be launched in January. This movement is for everybody regardless of gender preference.

This is how thatringthing works: every city has at least one ring leader who will organize events for people to go and meet others. The ring allows its wearers to "be single, and if you relax you'll probably meet someone," says Brandy.

The symbol on the ring is that weird little sideways happy face that's turned into common internet/e-mail lingo :-). It seems they've done their homework and isolated the market: computer geeks.

When I first approached the ring leaders at their Chapters launch Friday night, I was given one of the most professional business cards I've ever seen. It's bold, glossy and printed on thick quality paper. And thatringthing is its own slick little dot.com venture; members communicate with their ring leaders through e-mails. I'm left wondering what the catch is. It costs money to buy the rings; they're in the process of developing a clothing line. Club Med and Chapters are involved in the marketing plans.

It's good that Chapters recognizes many of their clientele are single people with nothing better to do than read. And why wouldn't Club Med support a nationwide electronically linked network of desperate, lonely ring-bearing people?

There are 130 ring-wearing members in Canada right now. And those numbers are growing. During Friday's launch, five new single people were recruited into the cause. Brandy plans on having ring leaders in 50 cities by the end of this year. Wherever there's a Chapters, you'll find pinkie-ringed members checking out your own little finger.

But thatringthing has a global vision, too. The singles brigade plans on infiltrating Australia, Venezuela, England and the United States to name a few countries.

Brandy's next big plan is to get thatringthing on Oprah.

With their clothing line you'll be able to turn your relationship status into a fashion statement. Soon, single people will be plastering the little happy face to their car bumpers. And then the world will become divided into Single and Not-single. Thatringthing members will resist love for fear of losing a hard fought-for and proud single status.

If you need to break up, thatringthing could make a wonderful parting gift, too. Think of it as a way of getting your ex on the road to recovery. It says: Here's something to help you move on.

People seem interested. I hung out at the launch long enough to hear Brandy announce that the first five single people who came to her would get their own thatringthing lapel pin. In order not to scare the shy ones, I put my camera away. I stood over to the side by a card rack, just far enough to inconspicuously watch people coming for their pins. And I found a romantic Halloween card to send to my own sweetie. Not because I was looking for one, but because it seemed a good way to reinforce my not-single status amongst the potential hoards of desperate book worms.

There were no hoards. But then again, it was Friday night. Date night, right? I went home and watched a movie all by myself.

Prisoner of conscience in the war of the woods

Betty Krawczyk was sentenced to one year in jail for criminal contempt of a B.C. Supreme Court injunction in the summer of 1999. She regrets the jail time, but not the struggle.

by Betty Krawczyk

B.C. Supreme Court Justice Glen Parrett recently sentenced me to a year in prison without parole. An entire year is a big whack out of a 72-year-old woman's remaining years but I accepted that possibility and responsibility the morning I stepped out on the logging road in the Elaho Valley to stop Interfor logging trucks.

This was not an impulsive decision. In my life, civil disobedience has reared its challenging head more than once. An early hands-on experience as part of a struggling union sensitized me to the need in society for occasional non-violent protest.

When the civil rights movement came to my home state of Louisiana, I was treated to a front-row demonstration of how civil disobedience could change things for better. And my education was furthered by the anti-Vietnam War protests.

And while the Vietnam War eventually drove my family to Canada, the protests didn't stop until the mightiest government in the entire world had to give way to the will of its own people and bring the soldiers home.

I was born in 1928. Had I been born in Canada, I wouldn't have been considered a legal person. It wasn't until 1929 that the British Privy Council overturned the Canadian Supreme Court ruling that denied women were persons, and stated unequivocally that women were indeed to be described as legal persons.

Was the British Privy Council less sexist? I don't think so. They were simply staring civil disobedience in the face in the form of thousands of uppity British, American and Canadian women who weren't afraid of jail.

The law changes as we change, as we as a people demand more equality. Today in Canada, I think too many judges refuse to recognize the evolution of the law. They prefer to think the law was born in an unsullied state with no mitigating factors, handed down by the gods, immutable and unchanging.

In fact, the law comes to us like all human births, through struggle, pain and blood, from ordinary people who shape and push and create the law, usually into a more equitable framework. This is how democracy works.

The apparent intransigence of the legal system in the face of non-violent protest demonstrates, at least to me, a studied ignorance of the history of law.

Judges have the power to hand out all-encompassing injunctions that stipulate anyone, anywhere, who in any way contributes to the impeding of logging operations in our public forests, is guilty of contempt of court.

But I am especially troubled when citizens like myself are brought before the same judge who gave this all-encompassing order.

I worry that judges could then become a party to the dispute instead of impartial arbitrators and feel compelled to defend their own orders.

This would be unfair, unjust and a disgrace to a supposedly democratic country.

At 72, some people think I'm too old to risk jail sentences like I've just received, but I tell them it wasn't always this way. We evolved as a species in communities where elders were routinely moderators of society and stewards of the land – not just chiefs, but all elders. This evolutionary harmony between young and old has been destroyed culturally by the worship of technology, by the persuasive youth fetish that considers aging a disease and by an economic production system that turns everything into a commodity to be bought and sold.

Elders are encouraged by our culture to be self-indulgent, play golf, take cruises, play the slots or bingo. We are not encouraged to use our talents and experiences in any serious way, certainly not to interfere with the feverish destruction of our life-support systems.

People ask – but what about the forest workers' jobs? And I ask – but why should we value jobs that destroy our communal property?

We need a revolution in our forests. Tree farm licences are only given out to the largest, most ruinous of corporations. This is a scandal. It has always been a scandal.

But we, as the rightful owners of the forests of B.C., can demand our property back. We can start with Interfor. Each of the old-growth trees Interfor is hijacking out of the Elaho Valley is worth $100,000 or more.

This is public forest and this should be public money, right? A goodly portion, anyway?

Aw, but no. Not only does Interfor get it all, aside from a mere pittance they have to grudgingly pay for stumpage fee, but taxpayers have to pay for cleaning up the mess Interfor leaves behind.

And to add insult to injury, citizens have to pay for the lengthy trials Interfor initiates against protesters but are taken over by the Crown, which in turn results in lengthy jail terms, also paid for by the taxpayers. What a sweet deal for Interfor! They must howl with laughter all the way to the bank.

We can manage our own forests. There are many models to choose from; we have examples from other countries, models that respect the forest, that treat nature with respect.

I was raised in the swamps of southern Louisiana; a rainforest so generous in its varied life forms one could literally live off the land. There were quail and wild geese, catfish, crayfish, shrimp and crabs, wild salad greens and wild rice. Pelicans and flamingos. To remind us that our earthly paradise wasn't meant just for our enjoyment there were alligators, wild cats and water moccasins.

This was before the draining of the swamps, before the logging of the cypress groves, before the felling of the mighty oaks. Today the rainforests have disappeared, along with most of the wildlife, save the water moccasins. Two-thirds of the wetlands have disappeared and there is a three-year drought. The climate has become so hot without the climate-moderating wetlands that many southerners have lost there historic fear of hell, having already become accustomed to it.

The eco-systems on this continent are extremely fragile. And so is democracy. If we really want these twin wonders, these incredible gifts that make life worth living, then we must fight for these over and over again.

If we don't, the alternatives are complete corporate rule and a trashed, logging-induced desert of a continent to leave to our grandchildren.

I don't want to be in jail. I want to be home with my family. However, I feel the issues expressed here are so important they must be voiced regardless of the consequences. We are a democratic nation. I believe in Canada and that all power ultimately resides in the will and consent of the people.

Betty Krawczyk, inmate number 03793924, resides in the open living unit at the Burnaby Correctional Centre for Women. She spends much of her time working on an appeal of both her convictions and sentence.

Health Care:
Who is responsible for your health?

by Bren Simmers

Alison Fox quit nursing in Vancouver in 1992, three years before Chretien's Liberal government made the deepest cuts to provincial transfer payments since the birth of national medicare in 1966. Even then, she says she was disillusioned with the medical establishment because there is no room to change the social dynamics that made people sick in the first place. Fox says she was unable to provide the kind of care she wanted to give.

Although trained in holistic medicine, Fox spent much of her time handing out drugs, a common response to illness in a medical system rooted in symptom management. As Fox points out, we need to start asking ourselves where sickness fits in with family history, stress patterns, and lifestyle.

Fox says she chose nursing because she enjoys taking care of people, tending to both their physical and emotional needs. But in two years, she recalls only three instances when she was able to spend time using massage or therapeutic touch to relieve a person's pain.

In today's hospitals, there is little time for that kind of care, but Fox says she has seen its benefits first hand.

Alternative medicine is inching its way into Canada's traditional health care system. You used to have to get a doctor's order for physiotherapy and now massage is partially covered under BC medical. "An informed and active consumer movement can change things and has," says Fox. Patients are asking more questions; they are aware of their options. Still, if a person wants to access alternative therapies in Canada right now – acupuncture, homeopathy, hypnosis or naturopathy – they do so at their own expense.

So how do we accommodate differences in cultural approaches to health care? And can we afford to? How do we include prevention in a system that treats the symptom and pays a doctor more for doing so?

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>
> *Dr. Eric Freedman*

Sorry the doctor is out

Dr. Eric Freedman, a pediatric urologist employed at three hospitals in the Capital Heath Region, left Victoria three weeks ago for a better life as a doctor in New York State. Freedman is one of Canada's top-notch doctors, nurses and specialists "cherry-picked" by private hospitals or clinics in the United States offering bigger pay cheques and better equipment. He says frustration with his working conditions motivated the move. "After 15 years of training, I am unable to do my job." Lack of funding to hire support staff such as nurses and cleaners, have reduced his access to hospital operating hours to as low as six hours a week. A pediatric surgeon who was recruited here, Freedman has seen the health care system deteriorate in a matter of months.

"Everyone is doing a different job than they were trained for," he says. Hospital staff are overworked and morale is low. "This should be an exciting time to be a doctor, with new developments in technology, but we're unable to do our jobs." With a young family and a career ahead of him, Freedman says he can't afford to stay in Victoria. Doctors used to belong to the upper-middle class, a compensation well-deserved for their years of training, says Freedman, but now they are feeling the economic pinch. In the States, "people need you and they reimburse you. Money is part of it, but it's the level of satisfaction you get for doing the job you're trained to do with the right equipment."

Health care critic Michael M. Rachlis (*Second Opinion: What's Wrong with Canada's Health Care System*, and *Strong Medicine: How to Save Canada's Health Care System)* argues that the problem isn't so much a shortage of doctors, but how they are paid for their time. He believes doctors and specialists are moving away from comprehensive care, such as prevention and phone calls, because they're not paid for it under the current system. When a doctor has 10 minutes to see a patient it is impossible to provide this kind of care.

Walk into any drop-in clinic like UVic's Health Services and you feel budget cuts first hand: the reception desk is often swamped, nurses meet and greet and run off to get their work done, docs try to spend as much time with you as they can, but you can feel the clock ticking.

For students without primary physicians, the drop-in clinic visit does little to address health concerns. Patterns of stress, poor eating, lack of exercise and poverty are at the root of most student illnesses. Unfortunately, in the current health care system, not even your regular doctor has time to talk you and help you figure it out.

"We won't have many family physicians in the future," says UVic health services physician Dr. Robert McDonald, a general practitioner working in Canada for the past 11 years. "They're often dealing with complex, multiple pathologies yet they get paid the same as a person treating colds and flus."

We place a lot of pressure on doctors to be our healers. Perhaps it is time for a radical shift in how we currently perceive our doctors: either as "cure all" experts or incompetent pill pushers. The fact is, doctors and nurses aren't superhuman shamans with the capacity to zap our every ache and pain.

So how can we keep good doctors and nurses in Canada with the ability to provide adequate care? "There's just not enough money in the system," says McDonald. "And it leads to burn out." The provincial budget offers $1.6 billion for doctor's services in B.C.

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The doctor's bill

Doctors are currently paid on a fee-per-service system. They receive a certain fixed fee for each job they complete in a day, creating a system that rewards doctors for providing as many services as possible, rather than good patient care. Most provinces are struggling to address this by coming up with alternative payment arrangements that allow doctors to spend more time with patients. B.C. has seven pilot projects underway right now, under what's called the Primary Care Demonstration Project.

Rachlis argues that switching over to salary-based integrated health centres would solve problems in rural areas. The vision is that generalists and specialists form a team, and get paid a salary with benefits to attract doctors to rural areas such as Trail and Prince George with fewer physicians and even fewer specialists. But not all the critics agree.

Dr. Eric Freedman believes that money motivates most doctors. Switching to a salaried pay would control the budget, but would result in a collapse of the current system. Doctors would work regular office hours, have leisurely lunch and coffee breaks, instead of their usual 60 hour work week. More doctors would be required under a salary system, due to a shorter work week. And doctors, says Freedman, is what we're short of.

It's clear from the recent 40 million dollar offer between the province and doctors in Prince George that physicians are getting their way. Three years ago, there was no on-call pay for doctors or specialists in B.C. rural areas withdrew their on-call services and specialists walked out in Prince George, doctors now make between $20 to $40 an hour more depending on time and location. Specialists in Prince George, although they have yet to accept the deal, will receive $1000 a day above any fee-per-service billings to be on call. Nurses, however make $1.25/hr on-call with the option of making an extra 25 cents per hour after being on call 72 hours in a month.

Money can't possibly be the prime motivator keeping nurses working in Canada. According to the B.C. Nurses Union, the starting wage for a nurse in December 1990, was $18.23 an hour, inched up to $21.40 an hour as of September 2000. That equals only a $3.17 wage increase in 10 years. The wage paid to nurses' aides, however, has jumped from $13.10 to start to $20.25 in the last 10 years. Rather than increasing doctor's salaries should we be investing more money into our nurses, who make up 75 per cent of health care providers?

In the current set up, doctors and nurses have two distinct roles, with doctors at the top of the hierarchy in terms of responsibility. Nurses are paid to care for the patients for whom doctors provide diagnosis and treatment. You can't advocate for nurses to be more like doctors in both practice and paid without providing the proper training, says McDonald. "Most physicians would have a problem with nurses having the final responsibility without being bound ethically, medically and legally to accept that responsibility on their own."

McDonald sees the dire shortage of nurses resulting from the government's attempt at cheap labour. The majority of nurses hired in B.C. last year were casual employees. "It's clear they need better working conditions," he says. Do doctors support nurses in this province? "I think so," says McDonald. "But maybe I'm too much of an optimist."

The quiet crisis or how Nurse Nancy became extinct

Victoria is currently short 200 full time nursing positions, and 40 on-call positions. Back in 1993, nurses in B.C. predicted the current labour shortage, calling it the quiet crisis, because nothing was being done about it. Kathryn May, head of UBC's nursing school believes that "had plans been put in place in '94, it wouldn't have happened." According to Lorraine Gillespie, president of the Registered Nurses Association of B.C., without nurses, health-care is at a standstill. She believes the only way to increase the number of nurses is to offer "competitive recruitment incentives and compensation." When the BC Nurses Union contract expires next year, there will be tough bargaining ahead. Perhaps it is time to take the polish and prestige off our doctors and start looking at nurses, who are doing the bulk of the work and getting paid much less for it.

Pay equity is an ongoing issue in a service sector dominated by women. In early September, 948 support staff at Peace Arch Hospital shared 3.1 million, part of a 25.8 million province-wide retroactive pay settlement. Cheques averaged 3,200, with some as high as 9,600.

"We're not there yet," says Hospital Employees' Union's (HEU) spokesperson Mike Old, "but this has certainly taken years off the wait for women in B.C." It will still take seven more years for women to see pay equity as health care workers.

photo by Richard Warrington

Genevieve Mutschler is training to be a *super nurse* at Camosun College

We need to start asking ourselves where sickness fits in with family history, stress patterns, and lifestyle.

Alison Fox

Please take a number

Imagine an active man in his 20s. It's his last year of university. While playing hockey, he falls on his tailbone and ruptures his bottom disc. His doctor prescribes painkillers. He goes to physiotherapy, does his chiropractic exercises daily. Nothing helps. It is painful to sit through a 50 minute lecture. Six months later, his doctor refers him to a specialist. He is put on a waiting list for surgery. His number, 17, a digit as arbitrary as a 100-spot wait list for a class that will only fit 50. It isn't reflective of anything, really. Some people on the waiting list have already had the surgery. Others are on three waiting lists at the same time.

In 1998, Health Canada produced a report criticizing waiting lists as capriciously organized, poorly monitored and misleading sources of data on access to care. It concludes that waiting lists are instruments of misinformation, propaganda and general mischief at worst, as they aren't standardized or monitored. Morris Barer, director of the UBC Centre of Health Services and Policy Research, is one of the authors of the study that says wait lists are "owned and managed by individual physicians." We need more consistent methods of prioritizing patients and sharing information, so patients can go to a shorter list.

Switching to a private or dual health care system won't solve the problem either. Doctors who work in both private and public practice have a vested interest in keeping public health care waiting lists long. So long as public lines are long and private lines are short, people will pay more money for the same service.

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Freedman is not afraid of privatization, so long as the decisions stay in the hands of the practitioners. "We're scared that we can't afford to do things [in a private system] but it's happening already. We don't have access to new technology or new drugs because they're expensive. We have to pay for it."

Freedman believes there is room for a parallel system or privatization of certain services. He says that some can and will pay for quality health care in this province. Health care, says Freedman, was originally started to cover the costs of major illnesses or accidents, so that people wouldn't go bankrupt. It wasn't designed for colds, or check-ins. "If people want that kind of care, they are going to have to pay more for it like in the US." At the same time, he argues that "the welfare state is here to stay. Some people will always need free health care, but will free health care be as good as private health care? The answer is no." The key with privatization, according to Freedman, is to keep decisions in the hands of practitioners, and not middle management trying to cut costs. But how is it possible to maintain autonomy when drug companies own the hospital?

Georgia Straight reporter Alicia Priest (Aug. 17 issue) asks the question, "Crisis, what crisis?" She argues that behind the mainstream coverage of our "doomed health-care" in newspapers, are corporate voices pushing for privatization. Colleen Fuller, a research associate at the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives and author of *Caring for Profit: How Corporations Are Taking Over Canada's Health Care System,* believes that major newspapers are leading a premeditated attack on Medicare. Fuller points to the suspicious presence of private health care insurance investors on the board of directors at Hollinger Inc., who until recently owned the majority of Canada's daily newspapers. It no coincidence, believes Fuller, that editorials printed in the *Vancouver Sun* call for privatization as the solution to the current health care crisis.

Lace up your skates, kids, it's referendum time

Pills, bills, and waiting lists. A health-care system that focuses on patchwork. Increased funding, recruitment of doctors and nurses, and standardized wait lists will temporarily improve the situation. But they don't address the bigger picture of how to renegotiate the relationship between our health care and our government. It's time for a public debate. Every system needs limits, medicare included.

Self-care: 10 essential activities

1. Learn about nutrition. Eat foods as close to their natural state as possible.
2. Sleep at least eight hours a night.
3. Walk or ride to school. Leave the car at home.
4. Use herbs and essential oils to boost your immune system and relieve stress. Take Echinicea when you first feel a cold coming on. Spread lavender oil along your hairline to relieve a headache instead of using Aspirin.
5. Drink lots of water, most headaches are from dehydration. Our cells communicate through water so if you're tired or stressed out, drink more water.
6. Nap. A 20-minute nap after studying will help you retain information.
7. Using coffee or sugar for energy catches up with you by actually depleting your chi. Not to mention the eco-political implications of coffee plantations in the developing world. Green tea is much healthier for you.
8. Learn about your vices and their impact on your health, and the community at large. Manage them.
9. Balance is key. Allow room for all activities, relaxation, exercise, work. Don't let one area dominate.
10. Make health your first priority. Without it, you can't do anything!

The federal iv

On Sept. 17 the B.C. legislature was called into an emergency session to push through a plan that will see $2.1 billion in transfer payments over the next five years, with $250 million earmarked for B.C., with $70 million for high-tech diagnostic machines and other equipment, leaving $180 million for regional operating costs. In addition, $40 million is being offered to rural doctors, which has already been refused. In mid-September, rural communities such as Trail and Prince George withdrew all but essential services. Doctors in rural areas are protesting against poor working conditions and lack of reimbursement for being on call. Dr. Marshall Dahl describes the current boost of funding as "a pebble being thrown into a lake. There'll be a few ripples, good for the upcoming election, and then the pebble will sink to the bottom again."

The Capital Health Region will receive $42 million, with $5.6 million strictly for equipment. The remaining $37 million will go towards paying off the deficit, with some left over. "I don't think they'll notice much on the street," says Rick Roger, the new Chief Executive Officer of the Capital Health Region. "Even if we were to get tens of millions today, we have a very significant nursing shortage. Many of our programs are dependent on nursing care." Rick Roger plans to use part of the increased funding to buy electric-powered adjustable beds and hoists, to help lift patients in and out of bed and prevent existing nurses from getting injured.

As a matter of fact

B.C. encyclopedia packs a library into a book

by Julius Davies

Flurry of action lately here in the reference books department of *the Martlet* arts section. First, the bookstore assignment: Student textbooks, are they really any good? Second, I still haven't quite wrapped up the '95 *Oxford Concise*, and then there's still the matter of the Telus Victoria white pages. (We're planning a rousing page by page exposé: Simply better? Try simply the same.) Yesterday the bomb hit. The *Encyclopedia of British Columbia* (EBC) showed up.

A 2kg, 806 page, $99 bomb et CD-ROM, put out by Harbour Publishing, bearing the corporate and government insignia of such firms as ICBC, Telus, BC Hydro, Telefilm Canada, among a handful of others.

The first few pages of the press release acknowledge over 200 contributors, including Maltwood Gallery Curator Martin Segger, *Geist* editor Stephen Osbourne, poet and UVic writing prof Patrick Lane, UVic writing prof Stephen Hume, UVic alumnus and writer Tom Henry, *Monday Magazine* columnist Russ Francis, even UVic law prof in absentia, the Hon. Andrew Petter, gets honourable mention for guidance and support of some kind. (No writing credit, though.)

When I was growing up, my grade five class didn't read *the Bible*. We read the *New Book of Knowledge Encyclopedia*, published in 1983. During recess I'd pull it down and read up on F/A-18 fighter jets, Siamese cats and extra-sensory perception. Our Social Studies teacher would assign a project on "Tahiti," and inevitably the authority would be the *New Book of Knowledge*, as written by the *New Book of Knowledge*. The authorship wasn't ever acknowledged; this book handed down like a pair of stone tablets, authority sans author.

Consider this possibly harrowing dynamic: grade fives are, in my experience, unlikely to question the validity of an encylopedia. Their potential for critical thinking, and more importantly, a significant chunk of their entire point of view, is at the mercy of book publisher and school board. If the school board and book publisher don't like the NDP, as is inevitable in a place like Alberta, the NDP could well get pretty short thrift, not only from the school board and book publisher, but also from legions of grade fives. Back in my day, I don't think I gave a second thought about the "where does this come from" aspect of encyclopedias until Mel Hurtig made a big deal of it two elections ago. He had produced the Canadian Encyclopedia. The funny thing is I didn't even (by implication) wonder about the other encyclopedias. I merely tried to do my bit for nationalism and read the darn thing. The pictures weren't as nice, and the text was smaller, and frankly, the articles a lot less interesting than F/A-18 fighter jets.

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The *Encyclopedia of British Columbia* sits on my desk, and I must say, judging so far only by its cover, I am not impressed. I perceive a multitude of themes:

British Columbia, province of artists who paint mountains.

British Columbia, province wherein lives Sarah McLachlan.

British Columbia, the Ministry of Tourism's information pamphlet.

To boot, the editor is one Daniel Francis, who is partly responsible for my 15-year-old's version of wasted afternoons searching in vain for cool Canadian stuff in Hurtig's *Canadian Encyclopedia*. Francis is listed in the dust jacket as one of the contributors to *Canadian Encyclopedia*.

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Just great: The *Encyclopedia of British Columbia*, if I may predict, is going to be chalk full with no-brainer high-impact graphics, and it's going to be boring. I fear high-falutin' theoretical talk: "As communications become more and more globalized, there is less and less place for local knowledge." Nearby, pie-charts of Census '91.

The book is, unequivocally, a fine 807-page read. Like, dude, Barney Bentall is in there, and not a British Columbian alive would dispute what the *EBC* says about Lasqueti Island.

Well, I lug it onto my lap and crack it open. Where shall I look? Instinctively I look for my Dad. He's not in there. I look for anyone from my Mom's family. Nobody.

I look for my Mom's hometown, Creston, B.C. But just before spotting it, I hit Creo Products, Inc., which is of interest since I know someone who did a work term there. "By 1999 more than 1,400 of Creo's imaging systems had been installed around the world. Popular magazines such as *Time*, *Scientific American* and *Sport's Illustrated* are printed using Creo technology."

I blink. I didn't know that.

Two seconds later I find out Creston has the only grain elevators in Southern B.C. I find it odd that Kokanee beer isn't mentioned, since my mom (and anyone from Creston) generally talks about Creston being the birthplace of Kokanee beer. She has never mentioned Creston as "the only place in Southern B.C. with [what looked to me like empty] grain elevators."

[The author continues looking up random bits for the next few weeks...]

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My girlfriend has abandoned me. I'm failing several courses. I'm worried *the Martlet* is going to fire me, but boy-o-boy, is this book delicious! I've been looking at it non-stop, and it is good. Fascinating. The topics are absorbing, as well as very professionally penned. The prose grabs you: catchy, succinct, with a healthy and enjoyable pretense of objectivity. Pretense? I have yet to run into an article which I thought was "wrong," from the perspective of my now grown up and obviously superior critical thinking. The book is, unequivocally, a fine 807-page read. Like, dude, Barney Bentall is in there, and not a British Columbian alive would dispute what the *EBC* says about Lasqueti Island.

I have only one complaint.

How come Joe Blow the famous B.C. writer is mentioned, but not Ian McDougall, or Rudolph Komorous?

McDougall is pretty famous in this town, country and some parts of England for his trombone playing and composition, and Komorous even gets a hat tipped his way in a few music dictionaries. Sergiu Commissiona and Mario Bernardi, big time conductors of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra and Vancouver CBC Orchestra respectfully only get side long glances, (half a sentence each), and yet they have their own headings in my *Oxford Dictionary of Music*. (Notice how it isn't called the Oxford Dictionary of British Columbian Music.)

There is a glut of writers in this book whom, I confess, I haven't read or heard of. And yet, I'm detecting a bit of a dry season in the non-pop music scene. I find it a bit suspicious that this book was written by writers, especially writers published by Harbour, who probably know lots of other obscure writers, but who probably tend to ignore the CBC Radio One when boring classical music cuts in at the wrap of Andreas Schroeder's 10 minutes on "Basic Black." Mind you, these are the complaints to be expected, almost cliché, following the publication of an encyclopedia. (i.e. "Why weren't the people I think are important mentioned?")

Finally, the pictures, the high-impact graphics: abso-flying-lutely magnificent. My kudos to Peter Robson, *EBC* production manager, "whose dedication to assembling and deploying the galaxy of illustrations, charts, graphs and other manifold moving parts at times approached the obsessive," writes publisher Howard White. Give a kid scissors, glue, colour photocopier, and the *EBC*, and that kid will get an A+ on any grade five social studies presentation.

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Cutting edge with the *Barber of Seville*

by Colin Plant

Pacific Opera Victoria raised the curtain last Thursday, Oct. 12 on what appears to be their most important season. Rossini's *The Barber of Seville* features inventive direction, an enthusiastic cast and an effective production design, a combination that makes this buoyant production one of the finer productions Pacific Opera has its patrons in recent memory. I can honestly state that they've got a veritable hit on their hands.

After nearly becoming extinct this past summer as a result of last year's White Elephant production of *Erewhon*, the company announced they were indeed going to stay afloat, thanks to the generosity of the city's arts patrons. Management expressed their thanks before the performance after everyone in the building had filled their donation can. Pacific Opera certainly put this generosity to good use – the audience was treated to a gem.

Based on the play by Beaumarchais, *The Barber of Seville* tells the story of a young Count who wants to marry Rosina, a ward of Dr. Bartolo who also seeks her hand in marriage. The Count, unwilling to woo her as a highly-ranking official, instead chooses to woo her as a lowly peasant. As in most romantic comedies, the plans of course get perverted, and alas, the lovers nearly end up foiled. Fortunately, the lovers are united in the end, the fools are foiled and justly ridiculed. Sounds like opera buffo, and it is.

Penned in approximately three weeks by Rossini, the opera was initially a renowned failure. Critics condemned it. But now, featuring some of the more memorable operatic melodies that we hear all so often on those made-for-television commercials, even the neophyte opera audience member will not leave the theatre without recognizing at least one piece of music.

The Barber does carry with it the reputation as being one of the most popular operas. With this reputation comes the difficult task of not screwing it up. Director Tom Diamond is definitely up to the task, as he creates a production that is both musically sound, yet seriously funny. His staging is delicate throughout and when one considers that he had only two and a half weeks to mold and rehearse this production, his ability to add so many details impresses immensely.

The plot of the opera is pure commedia dell'arte: the young lovers, the buffoon, the cuckold-in-waiting. Indeed, a lot of the humour is derived from physical comedy. And it is here that the cast impresses.

There is a recent trend in opera to present more acting and theatre elements, but all too frequently we still get the robust diva or tenor who will take centre stage and deliver an aria passionatly, yet without moving. Yes, the opera is a comedy that requires a lot of physical action, but Diamond is able to get his young cast to climb stairs, shoot slingshots and generally gallivant around the stage having what appears to be a lot of fun.

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Pacific Opera has built and nurtured a reputation for hiring Canadian artists. This time, however, for the title role of Figaro, the matchmaking barber, the company turns to European Jason Howard. Trained at the Royal College of Music, Howard imbues the production with energy and panache. His barber is both cunning and caring. His fine baritone voice carries through the Royal theatre exquisitely well, and his stage presence is undeniably strong. The man looks made for the role.

Returning to the home of her professional debut is mezzo-soprano Julie Nesrallah. Playing the lovely Rosina, Nesrallah succeeds exceedingly well as the Count's love interest. Her colourful voice was solid throughout the production and her theatrical abilities were made amply evident. A moment when she slingshots a bird out of the sky brought on a spontaneous round of applause on opening night. She is definitely a singer to watch.

Robert McPherson plays the Count Almaviva. In the first act his voice seemed tight and uncomfortable in his aria. However, by the second act he seemed to relax and was able to fully capture the nuances of the comedic role he takes on.

Unfortunately, Victorians built neither the sets nor costumes solely for this production. Typically Pacific Opera has built their own sets, but rented the costumes. This opera's successful design is originally from Virginia. Lighting designer Elizabeth Asselstine was hired to design the lighting and she does a lovely job painting the set with light.

However, before anyone jumps to criticize Pacific Opera Victoria for their choices, one must first realize the fiscal realities that face the local company. They must find ways to put on productions as inexpensively as possible. And if that means renting sets, so be it. We wouldn't criticize a business for finding a cheaper way to produce their product, so why can't the opera company operate in an equally prudent manner?

One really must applaud Pacific Opera for pulling off such a fantastic production. Get out there and see it before it's gone.

The Barber of Seville plays until Saturday, Oct. 21. For tickets or more information call 385-0222.

Friends gather to say good-bye to Al Purdy

by Liz Gontard

I have a picture of Al Purdy sticking his tongue out at me. It's not a very good picture, black and white and the flash didn't quite reach my subject. His face is slightly out-of-focus and more grey than white, a reflection of how the cancer was working relentlessly inside his body. He was probably pissed that I'd taken photos during his reading in the small auditorium, my flash exploding with the subtlety of a Molotov cocktail in a tea room. I was the worst kind of poet groupie, the one with a camera. So when I raised my lens one more time, he let me know what he thought. If he'd been a decade younger, he probably would have mooned me.

On the evening of Oct. 16, in the Alix Goolden Hall, some of Al's closest friends and major Canadian poets gathered to launch Purdy's last book of poetry, *Beyond Remembering* and celebrate the man with his and their own poetry. One after the other, Al's friends took to the stage to pay tribute: cantankerous, awkward, contrary, difficult and drunk were words used to describe the poet who mapped Canada with his poetry. But he was also generous, genuine and always interested.

My impressions of this man who touched Canada with his words are best echoed through those who knew him personally. Jane Munroe first met Purdy in the English department at Simon Fraser University when she was very pregnant with her second child and finishing her thesis. She was overwhelmed by his long-limbed, hovering physical presence, his intelligence and his intent on engaging her in conversation. What she realized was that Al was genuinely interested in her opinions. This thought was echoed by each speaker who went to the mic. Al Purdy was interested in poetry and those who wrote it.

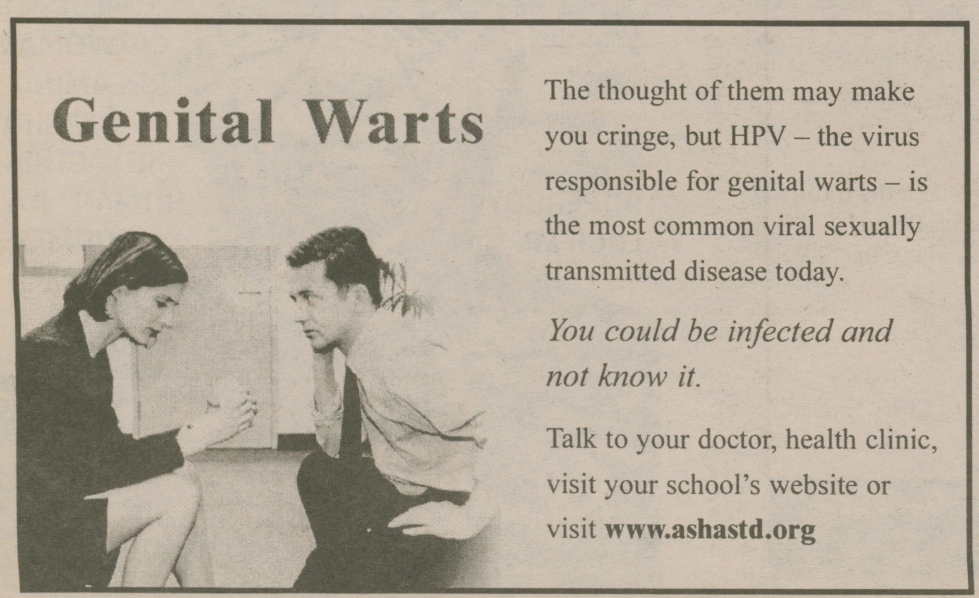
As writers, we go by the golden rule of "show, not tell." Al Purdy's memorial was a night of poignant revelations, some whimsical, some comic, and all endearing. Patrick Lane remembered Al as a man who considered himself a lonely person with few friends. However, as anecdote after anecdote was told throughout the evening, it struck me that the audience was laughing the way people laugh when they hear a story about a dear friend.

The death of Al Purdy is the loss of a treasured friend to many Canadians. He will be missed as the man who we knew not from dinner parties or family reunions or from neighbourhood garage sales, but one we met drinking in the Hotel Quinte, buying cigarettes at a gas station in the Cariboo and while picking arctic rhododendrons. Those are the pictures I have of Al and they are in brilliant three dimensional colour.

An excerpt

Animal bones and some mossy tent rings
scrapersand spearheads carved ivory swans
all that remains of the Dorset giants
who drove the Vikings back to their long ships
talked to spirits of earth and water
—a picture of terrifying old men
so large they broke the backs of bears
so small they lurk behind bone rafters
in the brain of modern hunters
among good thoughts and warm things
and come out at night
to spit on the stars.

– Al Purdy, "Lament for the Dorsets"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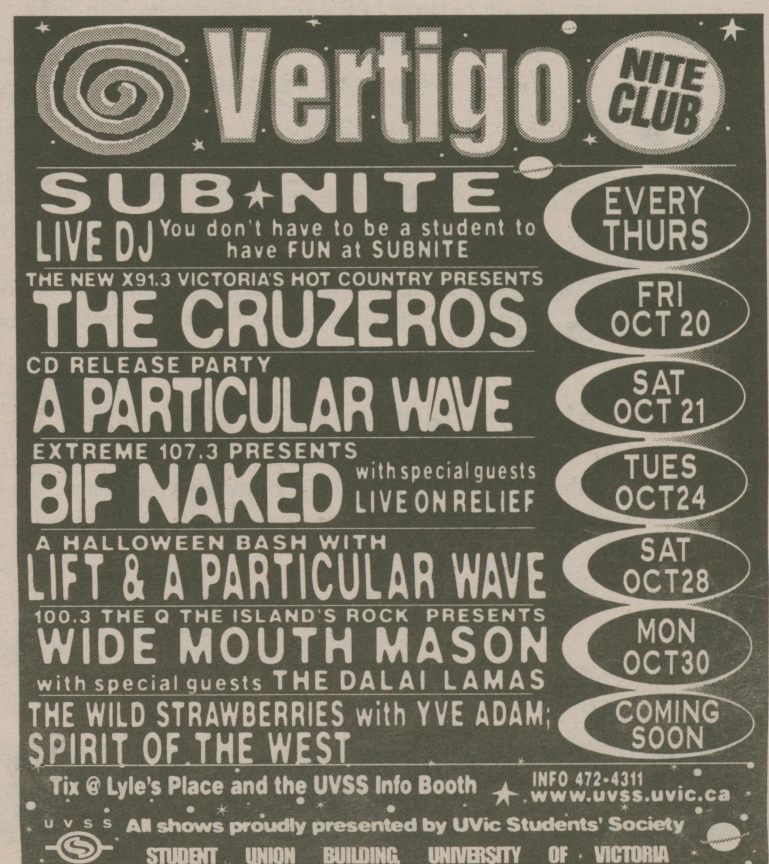
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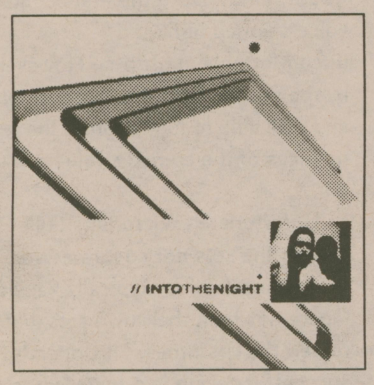
Quips on the newly-released

by Scott Roberts



***Into the Night* – Love Inc.**

Sounds like:

Cheezy filtered disco vocals over tired old techno beats.

Most embarassing moment:

Ignoring the fact that Chris Sheppard (the dj-half of Love Inc.) is Canadian but still insists on faking a British accent, and excluding the fact that he holds the title of "laughing stock of Canadian electronic music," the most ridiculous aspect of this album is Sheppard's new image. Think Gary Oldman's coke-dealing character in Quentin Tarantino's *True Romance*.

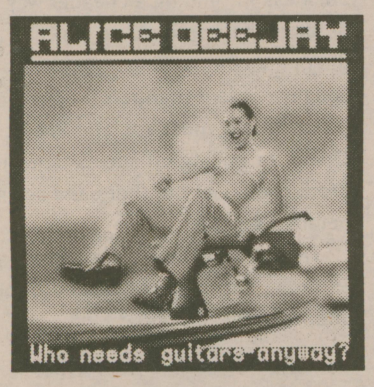
***Ni Reflejo* – Christina Aguilera**

Sounds like:

A spanish version of her last album, sung by the same person.

Most embarrassing moment:

The point at which I realized that I couldn't come up with anything even remotely clever to say about this person or her album. I don't actually mind the cd.



***Who Needs Guitars Anyway?* – Alice Deejay**

Sounds like:

Aqua and Love Inc. meets Netherlands and Detroit techno.

Most embarrassing moment:

When the inspiring vocal kicks in and tears at your heart strings in a way similar to my analogy:
"I'm waiting for your love,
never wanna lose that feeeling,
I'm waiting for your love,
let me hold you in my arms tonight"

***Stronger* – Kristine W**

Sounds like:

Painstakingly drawn-out Top 40 techno.

Most embarrassing moment:

The one in which Ms. W realizes that she's pushing 30, is light on the talent, and is using her vocal inability to attempt to impress 15-year-old girls.

Entertaining economics in ethics

by Philip Stephen

Economics and ethics in entertainment? Yes! Five Victoria bands will be playing at the Pacific Fleet Club in Esquimalt to raise money for Doctors Without Borders and the Youth Endowment Fund on Oct. 27. This will be an opportunity to feast your musical senses at an affordable and fantastically diverse show and support a social cause. A prelude to Beach Jam 2001, this series of pre-jam performances will showcase the local talents of Jeffery Sez, Squish, Late for Bingo, Rampants and Stacie Black Band.

Original and independent rock band Jeffery Sez produces a diverse combination: a high-energy mix of electric and acoustic guitars ranging from moody and soulful to driving and intense. Their music has been featured in *Rocktoria* – an album produced annually to highlight some of Victoria's best bands.

Celtic-rock band Squish blend folk, blues and rock and jumpy goodness. Prepare to spin yourself into a state of sweaty bliss with this Victoria quintet.

The Rampants are your good old-fashioned punks. Not a bubble gum, fizz-pop, punk band like much modern punk seems to be. These are good old punks – surprising for such a young group.

Listen for Stacie Black's artistic finger stylings on acoustic guitar in her performances. Black's quick-fingered repertoire is a unique extension of the modern folk movement. For those faithful followers of the movement, you will want to check out the unusually crisp rhythms produced under the fingers of this local genius.

Doctors Without Borders is the world's largest independent international medical relief agency aiding victims of armed conflict, epidemics and disasters, and others who lack health care due to geographic remoteness or ethnic marginalization. About 80 per cent of ticket revenue will go to this cause.

The Youth Endowment Fund exists to increase non-violent recreation opportunities for youth and to encourage peace and wellness in our community. Concerts like this one endeavour to create venues for young creative people to showcase their talents with more established bands. Showcase performances for youth talent are healthy alternatives to otherwise risky or illegal activities.

Music is the glue. Music is the glue of our lives. Beach Jam will be an all day musical event and family fair in the spring of 2001. Dallas Youth and Family Services as well as the Burnside-Gorge Community Association are busy organizing promotional events like the Oct. 27 concert to prepare for Beach Jam. The philosophy behind Beach Jam is the promotion of non-violent recreation and drug free music in Victoria. This is an option for those interested in appreciating live music outside of a drinking establishment.

Tickets are available at $10 each from the Dallas Society at 721-2669 Ext. 7 or 388-5251. Interested parties can also sponsor tickets for deserving youth by contributing cheques to the Dallas Youth Advisory.

Information on Doctors Without Borders is available at: http://www.dwb.org/

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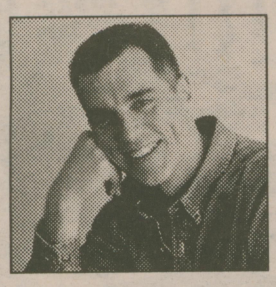

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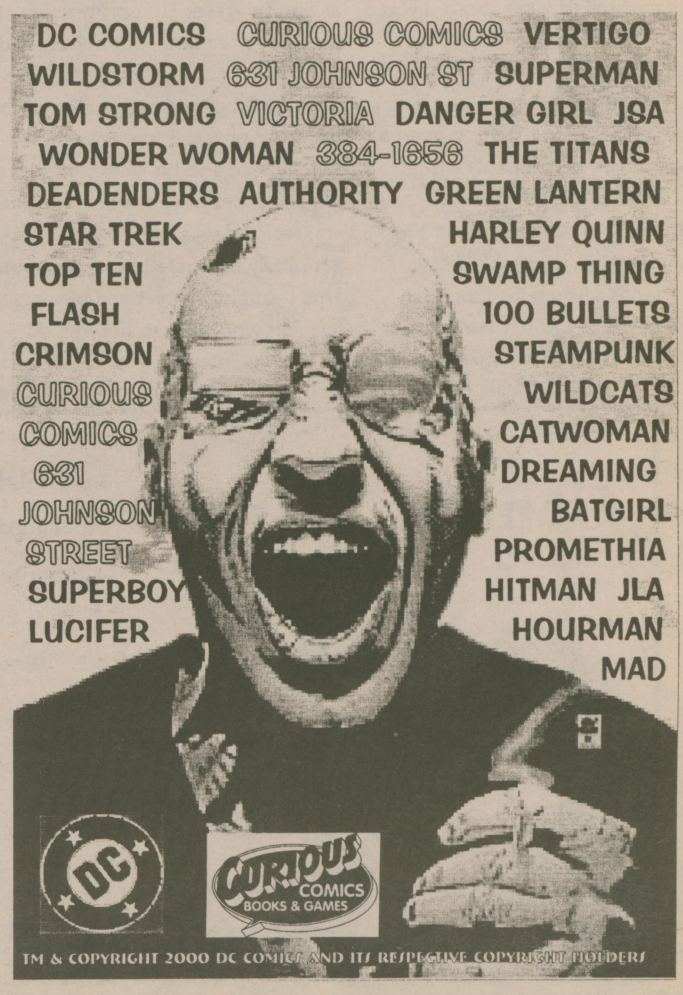

Revitalising the women of Beaver Hall

by Leigh Cormier

Some crazy desire last Thursday drove me into *the Martlet* office to ask for an assignment, and an even crazier desire drove me to agree to do a story article on art history. My expertise in art consists of elementary school finger painting and the colouring award I won in second grade. However, determined to pursue this sudden interest in journalism and keen on the idea of enriching my life with some art, I agreed.

Art historian and author, Dr. Barbara Meadowcroft was to be at the Victoria Art Gallery on the weekend to read from her celebrated study, *Painting Friends*. In *Painting Friends*, Meadowcroft tells the story of 10 Montréal women (later called the Beaver Hall women painters) who met at art school in the early 1900s.

The women included Emily Coonan, Norya Collyer, Prudence Heward, Mabel Lockerby, Mabel May, Kathleen Morris, Lilias Torrance-Newton, Sarah Robertson, Anne Savage and Ethel Seath. All 10 women had successful professional art careers, exhibiting with the Group of Seven as well as in international exhibits.

Unfortunately, despite their talent and previous recognition, it seems that art historians have largely overlooked this group. I found this out after a dismal multi-hour search in the library and online. With her new book, Meadowcroft hopes to renew interest in the lives and works of these gifted women.

Call me a keener (or someone who just doesn't want to make an ass of themselves in their *Martlet* debut) but I spent the majority of the weekend at the Greater Victoria Art Gallery. The gallery's impressive exhibit featured the works of several Beaver Hall women. Also included were some of their mentors, associates and contemporaries, such as of A.Y. Jackson, Maurice Cullen and Emily Carr. In addition, a video directed by Pepita Ferari, *By Woman's Hand*, was available for viewing. The gallery staff were really helpful – especially Jon Blair, the security guard who regaled me with tales of the Beaver Hall women and their artwork.

The artwork on display was stunning. Prudence Heward had an amazing talent for capturing the expression and disposition of her subjects and a sketched portrait of a woman by Lillias Thomas Newton blew my mind. Kathleen Morris' scenes of horses, convents and markets recurring throughout her paintings were especially endearing.

During the reading, Meadowcroft described each of the artists, their relationship to one another and the societal context in which they worked.

Meadowcroft explained that she was inspired to write this documentary after viewing a retrospective exhibit of her former school art teacher, Ethel Seath. Disturbed by the fact that the paintings would soon be taken down and Seath's talents forgotten, Meadowcroft appointed herself as Seath's biographer. Shortly after embarking on this biography, however, Meadowcroft realized that Seath was only one member of a tightly knit group of 10 talented women painters – the Beaver Hall women. These painters had met at the Art Association of Montréal and later shared a studio in the Beaver Hill area of the same city. The Beaver Hall women shared a special bond and provided each other with camaraderie, support and encouragement. This was essential at a time when there were few other professional female painters and a shortage of buyers in Canada. The women were well-respected artists and garnered international attention for their work and for Canadian art in general.

Much to her surprise, Meadowcroft did not come across any full-length works devoted the Beaver Hall women and so she decided to fill this void with a book that would celebrate their work and their friendship.

So began a 10-year odyssey for Meadowcroft, pouring over old correspondence between the women and their associates, digging in basements of art galleries and interviewing family and friends.

Meadowcroft's talk was informative and enriching. The women's careers and lives were discussed in terms of their societal context. She had a comprehensive slide set of the artists' work, showing many paintings I had not observed in books or magazines. The audience asked a myriad of questions following the talk, some pertaining to specific works the artists had done, and others inquiring about the influence of different painters that the women were associated with.

During the course of our interview, Meadowcroft told me that two of the artists had particularly

photo by Leigh Cormier

inspired her, Sarah Robertson and Prudence Heward. Through reading correspondence and speaking to relatives, Meadowcroft felt closer to these two women. What she admired most was Sarah Robertson's joy of life and Prudence Heward's wicked sense of humour. Both women were never married (which is true of all but one of the Beaver Hall women) and devoted their lives to painting and to caring for their families. Meadowcroft also discussed a number of challenges that presented themselves throughout her lengthy study. She explained the difficulty in finding a publisher to support what is often seen as an eccentric or odd topic –w omen painters. Eventually, Vehicule Press took her project on. Another challenge was accessing the womens' correspondence. This was both an issue of privacy and of the letters simply being lost. Meadowcroft's study was also quite expensive, as most of the Beaver Hall womens' paintings were in basements of art galleries and in private residences across the country.

Overall, Meadowcroft is pleased with the response of Canadians to her work. Her main objective, to renew Canadians' interest in and appreciation for the contributions of Beaver Hall women to our country's art history, is being fulfilled. Following the release of *Painting Friends* last year, Meadowcroft read at the National Library, the Art Gallery of Ontario and in several cities across Eastern Canada. She is currently touring Western Canada. Concurrent to her readings, art galleries have been exhibiting and drawing attention to the paintings done by these gifted women.

Kiltlifters and Skanik Boom get Vertigo psyched

by Stephen Cudmore

Skanik Boom and the Kiltlifters had Vertigo jumping with excitement last Friday night. The evening started tame with a draw for free items sponsored by Mike's Hard Lemonade, Trojan Condoms and Modrobes clothing. However, it wasn't until Skanik Boom played themselves on stage with their patented People's Court self-intro that the masses started to get truly hyped up.

The eight-piece Ska combo consists of Al (guitar and vocals), Nelson (trombone), Jamie (tenor sax), Darryl (vocals), Tim (trumpet), Mike (bass), Dave (guitar and backups) and Dana (drums). Playing an energetic beat, the band had the first brave people on the dance floor within minutes. Fans instantly identified with the Ska brand of ferocious high-energy music, which never fails to generate enthusiasm and a need to dance. Having established long-time stomping grounds amongst all ages in Victoria, Skanik Boom knows how to work their music to loosen up a crowd. Ska's infectious beat is known for pulling both sober and drunk to the dance floor. The group certainly lived up to this reputation on Friday night.

The Kiltlifters jacked this excitement up 10 notches. Kiltlifters Craig (trombone), Scot (trumpet), Mathew (baritone sax), Barry (guitar), Russ (bass), and Tyler (drums) rotate lead and backup vocals. This unusual system provides listeners with a unique experience. Together with the raw energy of live playing were strains of formal music training – the band consists of graduates from the Jazz Program at Malaspina University College. Music school has definitely paid off. Without compromising any of the energy associated with their style, they managed to give each song a distinct sound, even to those unfamiliar with the band or with Ska. Their witty and fun lyrics are a total complement to their musical style. Original songs such as "Pass the Popcorn" and "My Girlfriend's a Porn Star" were mixed in with enough covers from such bands as The Mighty, Mighty Bosstones and Sublime, to give even those who had never heard the band a fair amount of recognisable material to enjoy.

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Women looking for Canada West title

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The Vikes controlled the play against the Huskies on Sun.

by Dena vanDalfsen

Another weekend and another pair of wins for the Vikes women's soccer team.

Vikes goal tender Morgan Levermen netted her second and third straight shutouts against the University of Alberta Panda's and the University of Saskatchewan Huskies.

"Morgan has been terrific," said Vikes head coach Ian Bridge. "Some games she doesn't have to make many saves, but when she does they are big saves. She is mentally tough and keeps us in the game."

The Vikes and the Pandas played to a 0-0 draw during the first 40 minutes of action on Saturday.

"We've started all our games slowly this year," said Bridge. "We've been lucky to be able to rely on Morgan back in the goal."

The UVic team returned to the field for the second half and dominated the play. Vike midfielder Gillian Bigsby knocked the ball by the Alberta net minder in the 63rd minute and Jacquelyn Harrison added the icing at the 75th minute. Harrison's goal came off a corner kick that curved just around the pole and off the goaltender's fingertips to a Vikes 2-0 victory.

"I think our team is the fittest in the league," said Bridge. "That is where we get our edge in the second half."

Sunday the Vikes bested the Saskatchewan Huskies 4-0 in what was the last regular season game in Centennial stadium for two veteran Vikes who have played out their eligibility. Rina Rolinski made the most of her final league game at home. The fifth year forward counted for the first UVic goal in the 21st minute. Fellow graduate, midfielder Harrison added another goal off of a penalty kick before the half. The Vikes dominated the entire game. Bigsby had her second goal of the weekend at the 57th minute of the game and third-year defender Charlotte Haley, headed in a goal off the corner kick in the 73rd minute to finish of the scoring.

"Charlotte's goal was a credit to her strength and heading ability," said Bridge.

"Tricia Warrender played an outstanding game," said Bridge.

The Vikes bring their season record to 4-0-3 and a strong second place in the CanWest standings - one point behind first place University of Calgary Dinos. (Calgary has played one less game.)

"It's important to win at home," said Bridge, "It sends a message to the other teams and keeps momentum going."

The women's team set a goal at the beginning of the year. "We want to win the Canada West league," said Bridge.

It's not going to be an easily accomplished goal, the Vikes still have a road game against the league-leading Calgary Dinos who have yet to be scored on.

Last year's young team was disappointed at not advancing past the Canada West playoffs. Going into the final three games this season, the team is looking a lot stronger.

"It's a great team this year," said Bridge. "They worked hard in training and all season." Bridge is positive about the teams play-off chances.

The Vikes will be in action at home Nov. 3 and 4 as they pursue the Canada West title in the hopes to make it the CIAU national championships in Acadia.

photo by Richard Warrington

Vike runner bares his teeth on the way to the finish line.

Vikes varsity teams run to second and sixth place at Beacon Hill invitational

by Dena vanDalfsen

The men's and women's cross-country teams were in action this weekend as they hosted the Vikes Invitational Cross Country meet.

In the open races, the women ran 5 kilometres and the men ran 8 kilometres.

In the women's race, Liz Ramage of Island Pacific Athletics finished in first place, six seconds ahead of UVic's Stephanie Mills(18:22.20) who was the top CIAU finisher.

The female Vikes had six runners in the top twenty including Wendy Cocksedge (seventh), Tiffany Evans (eighth), Sara MacKenzie (16th), Andrea Depol (18th) and Nancy Fedoruk (20th).

The Guelph Gryphons won the team title with 30 points followed by UVic with 32 points.

On the men's side it was Vikes alumnus Graham Cocksedge who won the race with a time of 25:15:00, sixteen seconds ahead of Matt Normiton of the University of Alberta.

Cocksedge was the leading Vikes male runner last year. He won the gold for the men's 10 kilometre event at the CIAU's in 1999 and broke the course record.

The number one ranked Guelph Gryphons won the team title in the men's event too.

Cocksedge, along with other UVic alumni placed second behind the Gryphons.

The Vikes varsity team finished a disappointing sixth place. The top finishers for the Vikes were Kris Swanson (34th), Josh Henderson (41st) and Glenn Saqui(47th).

The meet also featured a high school flavour with participants from as far as Santa Rosa, California competing in the two and four kilometre races for the boys and girls respectively. Santa Rosa captured both the boy's and girl's team titles, while Adreinne Attrop of Lambrick Park won the girl's race.

The Vikes will compete at the B.C. Championship in Vancouver on the 28th before heading to Toronto for the CIAU championship.

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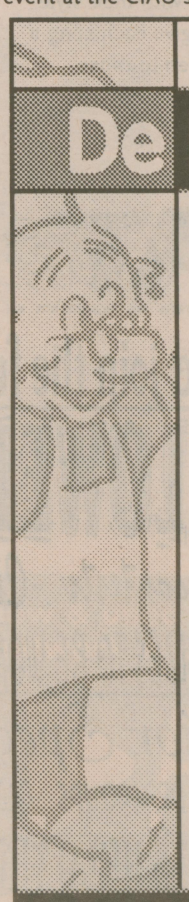

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Vikes men's soccer: kicking ass and taking names in Canada West

by Jeremy Shragge

There is no greater feeling as a sports fan, unsurpassed by even the championship victory itself, than the realization that one's team is on the verge of being the best.

It's the level of sports consciousness that allows one to forget all the scoring droughts and winning slumps that provoked incessant taunts from one's friends (who, of course, support other teams), and infuriating media criticism (who never know what they're talking about anyways).

It is the epiphany of finally knowing that, barring some unforseen disaster, the club to which one has been unflaggingly loyal, over which one has sweated bullets and lost countless hours of sleep–let alone potential dates–is actually going to win the respective league/tourrnament/cup/championship. (Fill in any of: American League East, Grey Cup, Premiership, National Championship, etc.)

After this past weekend's victories, the University of Victoria men's soccer team may just have reached that level of sporting excellence known as the "sure bet."

With three games left in the regular season, the Vikes stand at the top of the Canada West tables with six wins and only one loss, for 18 points. They have also garnered sole possession of second place in this week's national coaches poll (Victoria was tied with the University of Toronto Varsity Blues in the previous rankings).

Their closest league competition–and the only team to best them this year–the UBC Thunderbirds, have one less win and one draw, for 16 points. The T-birds are currently ranked number four in Canada.

Success in the west is nothing new for UVic. They racked up an impressive 11-0-1 conference record (win/loss/draw) in 1999 on their way to the Canada West title (their third in four years); the squad allowed only two goals against all season earning conference MVP honours for goalkeeper Dominic Butcher. In fact, the Vikes' only loss of the 1999 campaign occurred in the CIAU semi-finals versus the eventual national champion, the University of Western Ontario Mustangs.

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>
> *Vikes head coach Bruce Wilson*

The departure of several key veterans in the off season robbed the Vikes of a great deal of experience. So far, however, these losses have not made too terrible of an impact on the team's results, due, in part, to the addition of several outstanding rookies: midfielders Will Moore and Sean Battistoni, and sweeper Kingsley Jones.

Moreover, Victoria successfully wooed star forward Chris Craveiro from Malaspina College. Formerly an amateur with the Vancouver 86ers of the semi-pro Pacific Coast Soccer League, Craveiro is this week's Canada West male Player of the Week. He is currently tied with the Vikes' Jason Owen atop the Canada West scoring charts; with five.

"His skills are unmatched on our team, and I think they are unmatched in the league," said Vikes head coach Bruce Wilson.

The fact that UVic has a significant amount of young talent on the whole should not imply they are bereft of veteran footballers. Butcher, a fifth year student, remains the best goalkeeper in the nation, owning a microscopic 0.60 goals against average. In addition, much of the team's leadership on and off the field comes from their two senior defenders, Ken Laity and Robert Veenhof.

While Victoria has by no means put a lock on the 2000 Canada West trophy, they have guaranteed themselves a trip to the conference playoffs (the top four teams), Nov. 3-4, at the University of Lethbridge.

As it stands now, UVic, UBC and the University of Calgary have earned berths in the semi-finals (with the Lethbridge Pronghorns closing in on the fourth spot); consequently, the only question that remains is one of seeding: who is going to play whom?

The semi-final match-ups are critical, said Wilson, because "only one team is going to come out of Lethbridge that playoff weekend." The fact that the CIAU national championships are being held in Hamilton, Ontario this year has had the effect of restricting Canada West to only one representative in the finals tournament.

"Although our conference, I feel, is the strongest in the country, we only get one berth in the finals," said Wilson. (In 1999 the CIAU tournament was held here at UVic, thereby guaranteeing the Vikes a place along with the Canada West champion – or in this instance the runner-up U of A Golden Bears.)

Interestingly, Wilson added that in some ways he hopes that his team will not have to play the Pronghorns in the Canada West semi-finals. "I honestly think [Lethbridge] could pull an upset, " he said. "I'll be stressing for the next few weeks."

The Vikes skipper noted that the U of L has a short, narrow pitch, far below regulation size; that strong winds, snow and freezing temperatures are not uncommon in Southern Alberta in November; and that playing at one's home grounds can inspire a mediocre team to great heights.

"There could be an upset this year in Canada West because of those conditions," Wilson said, with evident concern. "If you want to equalize a game out that is the way to do it."

In spite of Wilson's mild paranoia over facing the mighty Pronghorns in the playoffs (they currently own an imposing 1-4-1 record), he freely admits that the T-Birds are the team to beat.

"UBC is the only team to beat us in two years of league play," he conceded.

Fittingly, the schedule makers have arranged it so that the Vikes and the T-Birds finish off their respective seasons under the lights of Centennial Stadium Oct. 27. First place, said Wilson, is "going to come down to who wants it more."

So as the Vikes travel off to Calgary and Lethbridge on Friday for their final road trip of the regular season, one can rest assured that the world of Canada West soccer is as it ought to be.

By this Monday, UVic just may have their conference all wrapped up; they may even be the number one team in Canada. Then again they might shit the bed and drop into third place. You can never tell with sports. Nevertheless, the sensation of impending triumph is mounting–and it is contagious. In fact, at times it seems positively palpable.

photo by Rachel Kiers

Vikes midfielder Geordie Pite controls the play against the Huskies' Isaac Mpopo.

Vikes take six points in Alberta/Saskatchewan sweep

by Jeremy Shragge

Canada West Men's Soccer
Saturday, Oct. 14 @Victoria:
UVic 4, U of A 0

With a convincing 4-0 win over the University of Alberta Golden Bears, the University of Victoria men's soccer team demonstrated why they are one of the top contenders for the CIAU crown.

A suffocating defense, a domineering midfield, and another strong outing from keeper Dominic Butcher allowed the Vikes to utterly dominate the first half of play. Alberta was denied all but the most perfunctory of chances at the UVic goal.

At the other end of the pitch, aggressive ball movement and some brilliant playmaking by UVic striker Chris Craverio resulted in a 3-0 half-time lead.

Craveiro led by example very early on, putting the ball past Bears keeper Nick Holt in just the fourth minute of play. Goals from forward Jason Owen and rookie midfielder Sean Battistoni at the 23 and 30 minute marks all but guaranteed that Victoria would carry the day – going into the break .

With Craveiro on the bench, the second-half saw the Vikes forced to contend with a more inspired and offensively minded Alberta team.

Before the Bears could mount any sort of challenge to the Vikes ascendancy, however, disaster struck: In the 49th minute, Victoria midfielder Will Moore was brought down in the box. On the ensuing penalty kick, Moore was spot on, increasing his team's lead to an insurmountable four goals to nil.

Canada West Men's Soccer
Sunday, Oct 15 @Victoria:
UVic 2, U of S 1

With a 2-0 loss to the UBC Thunderbirds on the previous afternoon, the University of Saskatchewan Huskies entered Sunday's play at UVic's Centennial Stadium on the brink of playoff elimination. With only one win against five losses and zero draws, the Huskies were hoping for an upset.

The upset, however, never materialized for the Huskies, who were defeated 2-1.

Sunday's match was far from the drubbing meted out to the U of A Bears 24 hours earlier. A weaker all-round start, along with an inability to engineer more than a handful of good offensive opportunities, prevented the Vikes from controlling play.

In addition, a spirited effort from Saskatchewan at both ends of the pitch kept the ball in the Vikes' half for a significant portion of the game.

The nil-nil deadlock carried over into second half, but was broken 13 minutes after the restart by the Vikes' Sean Battistoni. The lead, however, was short-lived, when the Huskies were awarded a penalty.

Victoria keeper Dominic Butcher, had challenged and felled a Huskies' forward streaking towards his goal area. It was flagrant and costly.

In an act of excessive irony, U of S coach Jovo Radovic brought in his own netminder, Dan Schick, to take the kick. Butcher looked positively helpless as the ball sailed past his feet into the back of the net.

The Vikes, however, were not about to be denied two points (or more) by a mediocre band of farm hands pretending to be footballers.

In the 73rd minute, UVic was given a free kick 21 yards from the Huskies goal. Vikes star forward Chris Craveiro assumed control of the situation and blasted his attempt through the wall of defenders into the far corner of the net:

Three points for Victoria; an early winter for Saskatchewan.

RUGBY:

On the rugby field the Vikes men's team traveled to Connaught Park in Vancouver and walked away with a 21-13 win over the Meralomas. Andrew Hooper and Akio Taylor both had tries while Jeff Williams chipped in with three penalty kicks and a convert. The Vikes move to a 2-1-0 record in the BCRU Premier League.

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CIAU scores and standings

Canada West soccer

Women's

	W	L	D	GF	GA	Pt
Calgary	5	0	1	12	0	16
Victoria	4	0	3	16	3	15
UBC	4	1	2	15	6	14
Sask.	2	4	1	12	14	7
Alberta	1	5	1	10	11	4
Lethbridge	0	0	6	0	31	0

Saturday's result (at Victoria):
UVic 2, Alberta 0
Sunday's result (at Victoria):
UVic 4, Saskatchewan 0

Men's

	W	L	D	GF	GA	Pt
Victoria	6	1	0	16	5	18
UBC	5	1	1	18	5	16
Calgary	4	1	1	12	7	13
Lethbridge	1	4	1	6	14	4
Alberta	1	5	1	4	18	4
Sask.	1	6	0	6	14	3

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CIAU women's soccer national rankings

Last week's rankings in parenthesis:

1.	McGill	(1)
2.	Calgary	(2)
3.	York	(3)
4.	Ottawa	(5)
5.	Victoria	(6)
6.	Laurier	(4)
7.	Dalhousie	(10)
8.	UBC	(NR)
9.	Mount Allison	(7)
10.	Laval	(8)
10.	Cape Breton	(9)

As of October 17, 2000

CIAU men's soccer national rankings

Last week's ranking in paraenthesis:

1.	McGill	(1)
2.	Victoria	(T2)
3.	Toronto	(T2)
4.	UBC	(5)
5.	SMU	(4)
6.	Dalhousie	(7)
7.	Laurier	(6)
8.	Calgary	(8)
9.	McMaster	(NR)
10.	Laurentian	(9)

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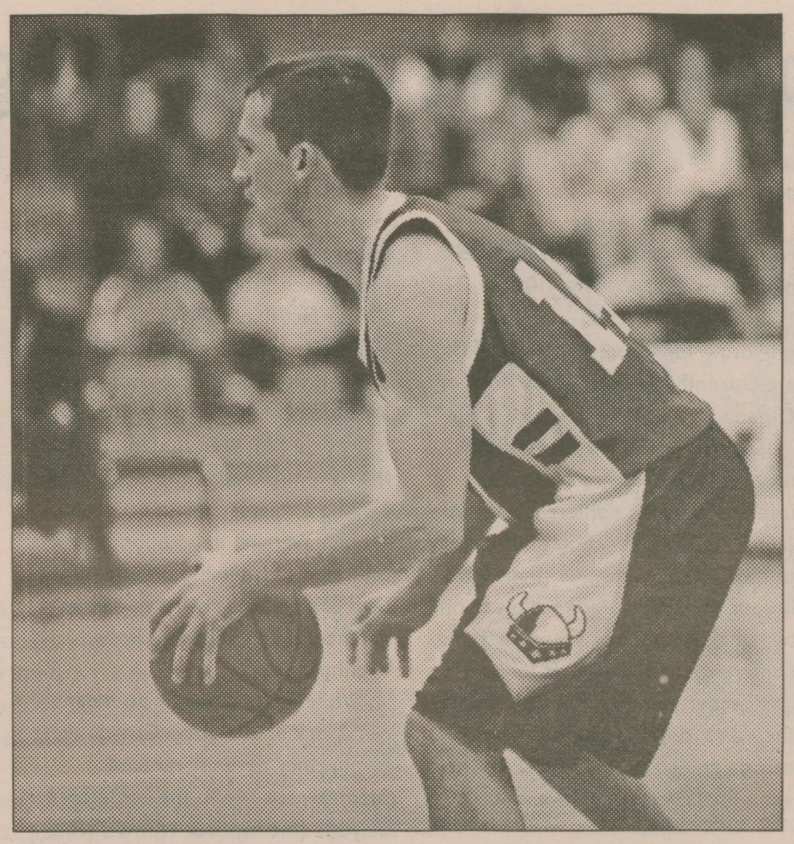

photo by Rachel Kiers
Vike guard Reagan Daly has possession during alumni game.

B-ball has very winning weekend

Men

The men's basketball team came off a winning weekend of exhibition play that bodes well for the rest of the season.

Friday night the Vikes faced the Camosun College Charges and came out way ahead, 106-46. Both teams played consistently and doubled their half-time scores of 53-23. Ali Wilmott led the Vikes with 20 points and 8 assists. Jason Tiffin had 18 points for the Charger's cause.

Saturday was an interesting contest as the past UVic graduates suited up to play in the annual alumni game. In a game that is always a intense and emotional game, the younger side came out on top this year. The current Vikes won 85-58 as Wilmott brothers Ali and Andy, who played for coach Vetrie together in 1995, took opposite sides in the contest.

Ali Wilmott once again led the Vikes with 14 points and 11 assists. Jamie Blake had 17 points and three assists on the varsity side and Ralph Carter led the alumni with 13 points and four assists.

Joining Carter and Wilmott on the alumni side were Rick Gill, Gerald Kazanowski, Phil Ohl, Patrick Cannon, Ole Schmidt, Chris McClean, Steve McDonald and Aaron Buckham.

The Vikes will be back in McKinnon this weekend as they face the Seattle Blue Angels on Friday and SFU on Saturday in exhibition play. Both games start at 7:30 p.m.

Women

The women traveled to Toronto for the Ryerson Polytechnic University Invitational. The women opened their tournament with a win over the University of Guelph Gryphons by a score of 58-52. On Saturday, they defeated the Western Mustangs by a score of 59-50 in the semi-final. Lindsay Anderson led the Vikes with 24 points while Kim Johnson added 14 points. In the final, the Vikes took on conference rival UBC Thunderbirds and won by their biggest margin of the season with a 71-45 victory to claim their first tournament of the year and move to 3-0 on the season. Lindsay Anderson and Kim Johnson each scored 18 points in the win. Kim Johnson was named tournament MVP while Anderson was recognized as a tournament all-star.

UVic ultimate in second again

by Chrissy Lightowlers

For the UVic Women's Ultimate Club, the decisive victory has once again proven to be painfully out of reach.

In the final of the sixth annual Canadian University National Championships held in Ottawa over the weekend, the Victoria squad saw its opportunity for glory unceremoniously dashed by the women of UBC.

In the championship match on Sunday, UVic lost to its archrival from Vancouver by a score of 15-7.

This is the third year in a row that the Island team has been shut out of first place by UBC; nevertheless, both clubs depated the national tournament having fulfilled their desire for an all western final sweep of the traditionally eastern Canadian competition.

In a gesture of good spirit, the UBC women gave the jerseys they won for first prize to the UVic women's team.

The weather over the weekend was tough on the players, with blustry conditions reeking havoc on the best of throws.

"Strong winds have an equalizing effect on the game. A weak team can end up having a chance against a stronger team," said Dave Pettenuzzo, Victoria's volunteer coach known simply as "Dave P."

When asked how he felt UVic's women's team would do at the Championships, Dave P. responded, "anywhere from first to fifth."

With tickets to Ottawa costing approximately $500 per head (in addition to the costs of ground transportation, food and accommodation) several key players were unable to attend; including Katie Wilson who plays on Canada's National Women's Ultimate team.

The UVic club hopes to receive $500 in club fees from the University in order to recoup the cost of tournament fees. This grant, however, will not even begin to cover the expense of sending the 13 players and coach.

In an effort to minimize costs, the team opted to go without uniforms, managed to squeeze all 14 members plus luggage into one seven-seat mini van, and found a place that housed the whole team for free over the weekend. Dave P., who volunteered his time, paid for his expenses out of his own pocket.

According to Clare Fast, the team captain, "Without Dave P. there is no way we would have done as well as we did."

The UVic Men's team, Canadian University Champions in 1996 and 1997, were unable to pull together a team for this year due to lack of members.

Ultimate is not considered a varsity sport and consequently does not receive the coaching, scholarships or travel funding available to other sports such as basketball or rugby.

As a stepping-stone to achieving Varsity status, sports generally need to appear in the Olympics; a goal Ultimate players hope to achieve by the games in 2004.

Until then, it is the love for the sport that will keep the UVic women's team squeezing into mini vans.

Annual General Meetings are very exciting!

Come by the Martlet AGM, Thursday, November 9 at noon to find out how exciting they can be.

We will elect a new Board, an ombuddy committee, ratify the budget, update the ad boycott list, revisit tabled motions & discuss any other topics. Staff are necessary!

ON CAMPUS

Creative journaling workshop with Ray McGinnis, sponsored by UVic United Church Chaplain. **Oct. 21** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Rm 108, UVic Grad Centre. $40/$25 with valid student card. Sign up with Henri Lock, 472-4159.

Fellow workers: join the **Industrial Workers of the World** this Sunday for a night of film and discussion about the past, present and future of class struggle. **Sun. Oct. 22**, at 7 p.m. in the UVic Grad Lounge. Film: "Land and Freedom."

Victoria Hindu Parishad presents *Diwali 2000!* A variety of Indian classical and semi-classical dances, Hindi and Punjabi songs and other musical entertainment. University Centre Auditorium, **Oct. 21,** 7 p.m. Tix: $10/$8 students/$6 children under 12. Tickets at Island Video (475-1212).

The **AGM for the UVic Medieval Club** will be held **Mon. Nov. 6** in the clubs and course union room in the basement of the SUB (B023).

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OFF CAMPUS

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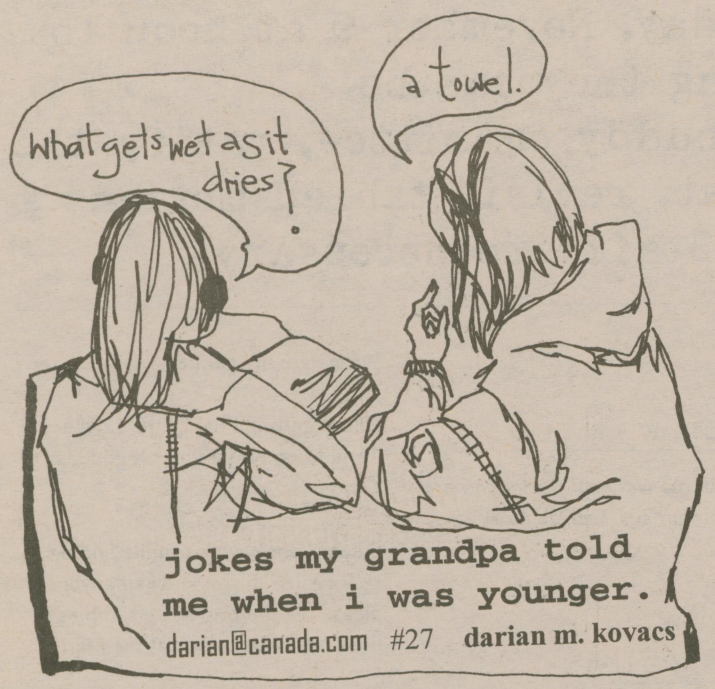
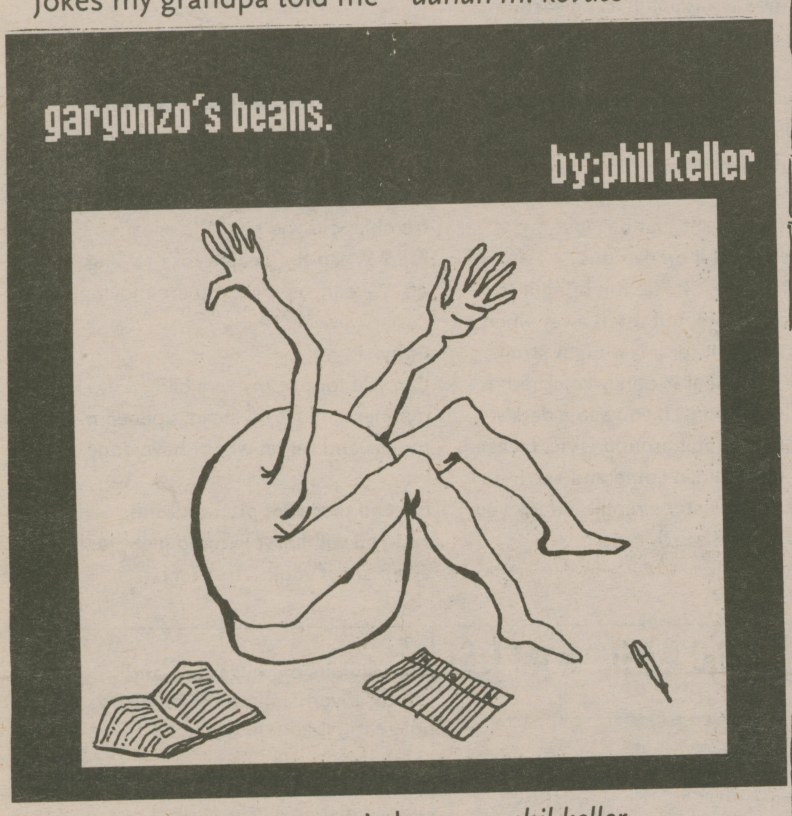


Jokes my grandpa told me – *darian m. kovacs*



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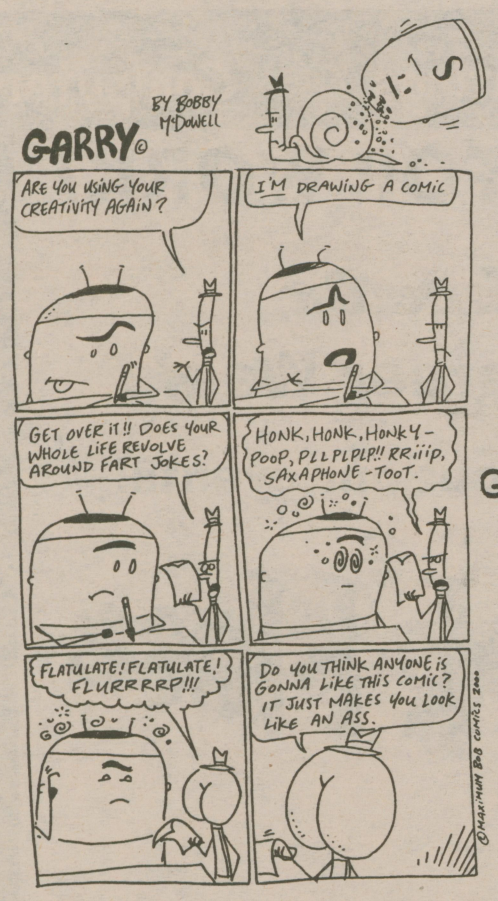
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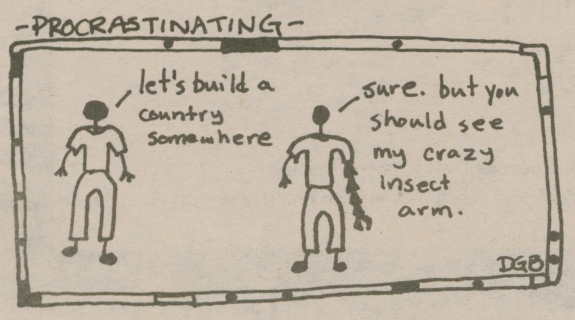

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GRAND-DAD
ME
I SPENT THE FIRST YEAR OF MY LIFE LIVING WITH MY PARENTS AT MY GRANDPARENTS HOME IN DUBLIN.
A LITTLE BEFORE MY FIRST BIRTHDAY MY PARENTS DECIDED TO MOVE OUR LITTLE FAMILY TO WICKLOW, A SMALL TOWN, 30 MILES SOUTH OF DUBLIN.
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SIT DOWN AND SHUT UP!!
MY BEST FRIENDS IN PRIMARY SCHOOL WERE NEIL, A SERIAL ARSONIST, AND MARC, A KID WITH A CHRONIC, LIFE THREATENING ILLNESS AND A COLLECTION OF THREE LEGGED, ONE-EYED CATS.
WE GOTTA BE CAREFUL BOYS. CHARLIE COULD BE ANYWHERE!
LET'S BLOW UP SOMETHING.
I THINK I'M GETTING A NOSE-BLEED...
WE SPENT OUR DAYS PLAYING "VIETNAM" BEHIND OUR HOUSES, TESTAMENT TO HOW THE U.S. WON THE CULTURE WAR OF THE '80s
THEN THERE WAS CHURCH, AND THE DIVINE MYSTERY OF TRANSUBSTANTIATION...
DO NOT CHEW THE BODY OF CHRIST, BUT LET HIM DISSOLVE SLOWLY, ON YOUR TONGUE.
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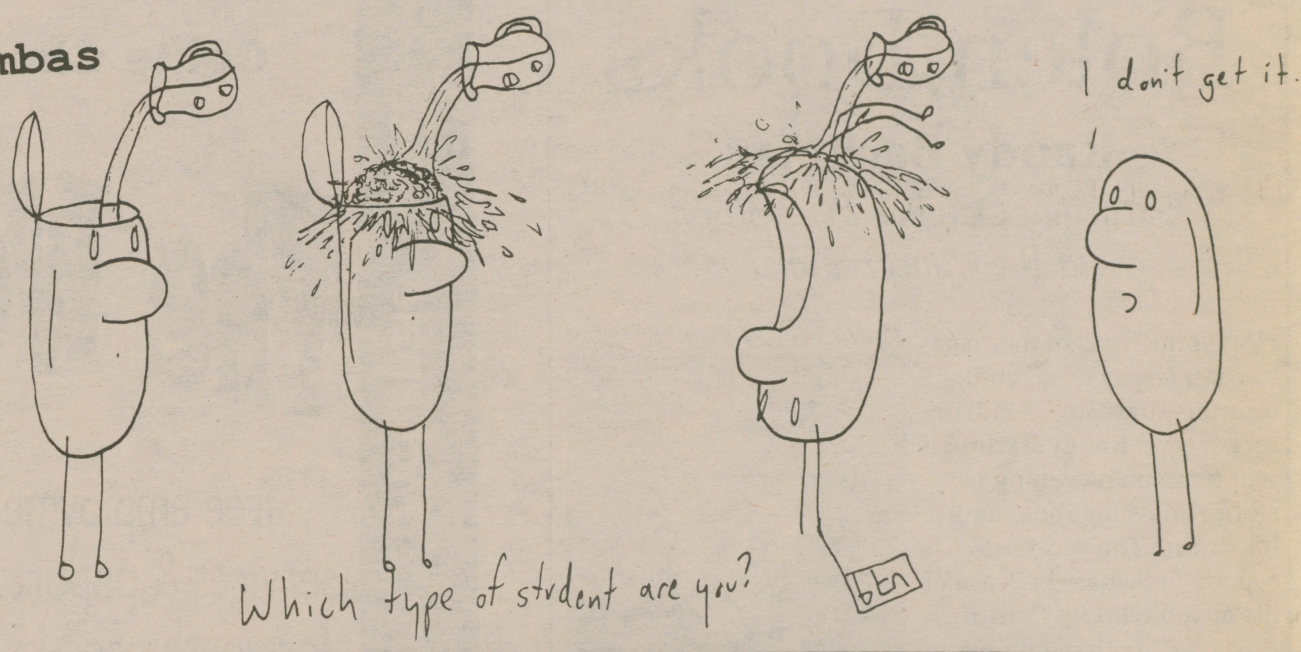
WHY DOES JESUS ALWAYS STICK TO THE ROOF OF MY MOUTH?!
DESPITE A BRIEF INTEREST IN JOINING THE CLERGY, AND SOME SINGING IN THE CHOIR, I WAS A FALLEN-AWAY-CATHOLIC BY AGE TWELVE.
MY TWO SISTERS, LOUISA AND MELISSA APPEARED A FEW YEARS APART. LOUISA WAS AND IS, A HEADCASE UTTERLY INCORRIGIBLE, SHE DID WHATEVER SHE WANTED, INCLUDING HANGING OUT THE WINDOW OF OUR TWO STORY HOUSE WHEN SHE WAS FOUR!
I WANT TO STUFF SOMETHING UP MY NOSE.
I'M TELLING ON YOU!
MELISSA WAS THE BABY OF THE FAMILY WHO, WHEN SHE WASN'T FINKING ON ME, TOOK CRAPS IN OUR TOY BOX.



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